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Legion Officials Watch Little World Series



Commander J. E. Jones (left) and District Commander of the Legion, Charlie Moore of Hollywood, together with past National Vice Commander Joe Adams of Miami and Art Parks, Chairman of the Little World Series Committee that started over 200 small fry baseballs in Miami to see the Little World Series game.

Glades Folks Enjoy With 300 Boys The Little World Series



Dr. Thomas Farrow (high ground) one of the Rotarians who carried Belle Glade boys to the ball game in Miami Thursday night. Rotarians also carried the boys to the game in Miami Thursday night. Rotarians also carried the boys to the game in Miami Thursday night. Rotarians also carried the boys to the game in Miami Thursday night.

BELLE GLADE'S JULY CIGARETTE TAX \$9,591

With only \$1,502,632 collected by the State for the month of July, \$1,255,635 is being distributed to the incorporated municipalities.

Belle Glade got \$3,591 as its share for cigarettes sold during

July. Pahokee gets \$1,261 while South Bay gets \$549 and Clewiston \$1,991. Delray Beach gets \$4,880 and Lake Worth \$6,384. Boynton Beach gets \$1,490 and Riviera Beach \$4,459. Tourists are reflected in West Palm, \$26,916, as are the other count cities.

Plane Spotter Officials: Consider Plans For Spotter Schools



Lt. Melvin Stander (left) and Master Sergeant Paul Sherer discuss with Mrs. Mary Fox, Supervisor of the Corps and pointed out the increasing importance of its activities.

Vernon Dexter Provides Ground Observers Program For Liars With Leuts. Sjolander And Burgess Talking

Lt. Vernon Dexter presented a program on Ground Observers Corps Wednesday with Mrs. Mary Fox, Supervisor and two Lieutenants from the Filter Center in Miami as special guests. Chief Observer Vernon Dexter of the local Observers group presented his guests, all of whom are his superiors in the

Ground Observers Corps. The Lieutenants related some history of the Corps and pointed out the increasing importance of its activities. "Citizens participation in military readiness of the country is necessary," said the speakers, "and the Ground Observers Corps offers an opportunity to do this without unnecessary burdens for time and effort."

Plans To Welcome Sgt. Kenneth Bass Swelling As Enthusiasm Mounts

With tears of joy, a bride, a mother, father, sisters and brothers are anxiously awaiting further information as to the physical condition and time of home-coming of Staff Sergeant Kenneth Bass, who was among the very last of prisoners released in Korea. A scant word by cable signed by him the day of his release, September 5th, which, incidentally was his 25th birthday, was the only information received here officially.

Kenneth was on his 16th or 17th mission, according to his father, as a letter was received immediately after the 15th mission. The plane went out on the 3rd of July, 1953 and failed to return on the 4th.



Official notice was received by the family on the 5th, so that Kenneth had been missing 14 days when the Communists decided to allow him to be returned.

Services men generally have been prominent in the suggestion of a "real bang up" home-coming and thanksgiving party for Kenneth and a committee to include all clubs, and organizations of the community in process of being formed to make final plans for the celebration.

Because he is the only Glades boy to be reported as a prisoner of war, sentiment throughout the Glades is growing to make this an all-Glades affair. A brother, Joel, wrote to his parents that he was at "Freedom Camp" on the 1st of September and felt sure that "Kenneth is alive and will come back." It is not known whether Joel has been able to see his brother. The War Department has assured the family that up-to-the-minute information will be relayed to them as it is received.

HUBERT TILLERY TAKES OVER ALFAR

After a year's absence Mr. and Mrs. Hubert (Gator) Tillery and daughter, Mary Ann, moved from Clewiston to make their home in Belle Glade. Gator is back on the old job at Alfalfa Creamery for the past year and at this time doesn't have too much to say only that he is glad to be back. Elmer Brannamer, who has been manager of the Alfalfa Creamery for the past year and his family have returned to West Palm Beach, where Mr. Brannamer is assistant sales manager of the wholesale distribution.

RICHMOND-TURNER TO OPERATE MOTEL

A. J. Richmond, who with drew as candidate from Central Borough, in the commissioners race, on account of poor health, states that he and Mrs. Richmond, in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Turner, will operate the Motel Ricks on the Chozen Road upon its completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner left for Ranoke, Va. recently, but will return shortly to make their home at the motel, where the Richmonds will also reside.

Slaughters Take 96% With Stronger Prices At Mon. Sale

Rainy Season Brings Stop To Thursday's Sales Locally

All slaughter animals were up and the demand was strong, with 96% of the offering of 328 head being taken by the slaughterers at Monday's sale. Commercial slaughter steers brought up to 16.50. Mr. Young, Manager of the Market says, "Due to the approaching rainy season, we plan no more Thursday sales this fall. We have two sale days a week next year will be assured."

Sale of Monday, Sept. 7, 1953

332 Cattle brought \$23,917.54
130 steers, 77 calves, 57 heifers, 40 cows, 4 yearlings and 1 bull.
Slaughter
Steers — Good 16.00-17.25; Uty. 9.75-10.00; Cut. 6.75-9.50.
Calves — Good 14.00; Com. 11.25-13.25; Uty. 8.00-11.00; Cut. 6.25.
Heifers — Com. 10.75-13.00; Uty. 9.75-10.00; Cut. 6.75-9.50.
Cows — Good 14.00; Com. 11.25-13.25; Uty. 8.00-11.00; Cut. 6.25.
Bulls — Uty. 9.50-12.00; Cut. 6.00-9.00; Inf. 7.25.
Bulls — Uty. 10.50; Cut. 9.50-10.60.
Stocker
Steers — Inf. 7.00-13.75.
Heifers — Inf. 7.00-9.75.
Cows — Inf. 4.50.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEET AT CLUBHOUSE

The new board of control of the Community Clubhouse for the coming year are Mrs. Lonnie Warren, chairman; Mrs. William Thibault, secretary; Mrs. Herbert Beck, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Peters, Clubhouse repairs and custodian. Others present at the meet-

Schools Open On Schedule With Expected Enrollment Driver Education To Be Included In Shiny New Ford



Charlie Bolton, local Ford Dealer is delivering to W. A. Sluiter, Driver Education Director for the Glades, a new Ford equipped with dual driving seats for two students in cooperation with the County School Board.

Application Made By Underwriters For Local Charter

There were 33 insurance men present at the organizational meeting held last Wednesday at the Legion Hall. This group constitutes agents from the entire Glades area and will be known as the Everglades Life Underwriters Association. Application has been made for their charter to the National Life Underwriters Association and it is expected that the charter will be granted by the next regular meeting.

C. A. Batchelor of Pahokee was elected president; vice-president, M. F. Coleman of Belle Glade; secretary-treasurer, U. T. Koch, Jr., of Clewiston. Directors elected for the one year term were: Glen H. Brower and E. J. Sears, both of Clewiston; those for the two year term are: C. L. Todd and E. J. Carlton, both of Belle Glade.

Guest speakers at this affair were A. E. Bouch, vice-president of the Florida State Association of Life Underwriters; Leonard V. Fairman, president of Palm Beach County Life Underwriters; H. H. Hampton, past vice-president of the Florida State Underwriters; and R. H. Boyce, manager of the United Life Insurance Co. All of these men are residents of West Palm Beach.

The first regular meeting will be a luncheon to be held at the Bend, Thursday, October 22. Guest speaker will be Winston W. Wynne, Miami, president of the Florida State Underwriters Association.

RAMS FIRST GAME AGAINST MIAMI TECH

The Golden Rams will play their first game of the season vs. Miami Tech, Thursday, Sept. 17 at 8 pm in Miami.

Pitts and Bass are the only starters from last year's starting eleven. The boys will have only five more practices before the first game, but they are showing good spirit in practice and according to Coach Peacock they will be ready for that game on the 17th.

Testative starting line-up for Belle Glade High School: L.E.—Franklin Jones 140 lbs. L.T.—Mickey Herring 190 lbs. L.G.—Junior Pitts 170 lbs. C.—Jimmie Robertson 150 lbs. R.G.—Eddie Robinson 138 lbs. R.T.—Harry McDonald 150 lbs. R.E.—F. Wilcher 140 lbs. Q.B.—Walter Mosley 155 lbs. L.H.B.—J. Schlechter 150 lbs. R.H.B.—Layton Bass 140 lbs. F.B.—Joel Parker 140 lbs.

THE MAYOS VISIT NEW CHAPEL AT PRISON FARM

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mayo made an official visit to the new chapel at the Prison Farm on Wednesday afternoon, and Superintendent Cliff Greene was complimentary by the Commissioner and Mrs. Mayo on the commodious and conveniently arranged interior. The building is of Florida

made brick, with stained glass windows, and a large allegorical representation in the window behind the rostrum. The design of the church, which has a cross atop a distinctive steeple, is entirely local and the construction is by prison labor. Superintendent Greene states that ministers will be used thru the local Ministerial Association, for religious services.

MANY FRIENDS WISH LOU ANN HAPPY VISIT AT HOME



Lou Ann Austin, pretty polo victim, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Austin in South Bay. Although Lou Ann will return to Avon Park in a few days, she is happy to be at home and see her friends.

Lou Ann, sixteen, was starting her sophomore year when stricken with polio and was a patient at St. Mary's Hospital before going to Warm Springs Foundation. After almost six months, in which marked improvement was noted she was released and will stay with her aunt, Mrs. V. O. Waters, in Avon Park, where she will continue to take treatments.

Everyone is glad to know of her remarkable progress and send their best wishes. Those wishing to write may send letters and cards to Lou Ann at 23 N. Prospect Ave., Avon Park, Florida.

Lionesses Support The Roars!



Mrs. Mary Waters (right), Mrs. Verda Hildebrand and Mrs. Billy Hartline are serving punch which they and other ladies of South Bay baked for the Lioness benefit supper recently. Billy Rogers has that satisfactory grin, for he has his hands full at it. The Lioness Club of South Bay pledged financial assistance to the community fund-raising fund; so the ladies got busy with one of their famous suppers with the result that the pledged fund was raised with a very healthy balance.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN SOCIETY TO BENEFIT THRU PANCAKE DINNER

A county-wide program for the benefit of the County's Crippled Children's Society will be held on October 26th and 27th at the James Melton Automobile grounds in Hypokoxa, and featured by an Aunt Jemima Pancake party. Kenneth P. Foster, General Chairman for the event will announce details for the party later. Each visitor will be fed all the Aunt Jemima Pancakes desired, together with sweetened and meat for a fixed fee. The going to Warm Springs Foundation. After almost six months, in which marked improvement was noted she was released and will stay with her aunt, Mrs. V. O. Waters, in Avon Park, where she will continue to take treatments.

SEPT. IS DEADLINE ON FOOTBALL TICKETS

All football tickets not called for by Sept. 15, will be sold according to Coach Peacock. Those having tickets reserved for them at the High School must pick them up by that time. Those who want to purchase tickets should do so at once.

LOCAL & SOCIAL

KATHLEEN LIVINGSTON, SOCIETY EDITOR
Office Phone 2856 Home Phone 2823
All social notes and items of social interest should be communicated before noon Wednesday to insure publication the following Friday

Mr. and Mrs. William Graber and children returned recently from Hartsville, Ohio, where they spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Legost and family returned this week after visiting his parents in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. R. W. Lanier returned last week after attending summer school at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Mrs. Roy Bair arrived home Friday after spending two weeks visiting her mother in Indiana, Iowa.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ford

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Classes for intermediate beginners
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bio, returned Friday from Ft. Myers Beach, where they vacationed for several weeks.

Mrs. Otis Hayes and son, Charles, returned last week from Mount Holly Springs, Pa. Mr. Hayes will remain until the produce season is finished.

Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Malcolm returned by plane Wednesday after attending a family reunion at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. Oscar Coleman in Knoxville, Tenn. This was the first time the family have been reunited since the death of Mr. Malcolm's father in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freeman, and son, Jay, arrived home Sunday after spending the summer at their cottage on Lake Sumner, at Tuxedo, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beck spent the weekend and Labor Day at their cottage in Jupiter. They were accompanied home by Mr. Beck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck of West Palm Beach, who will visit a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maynard returned Friday after spending two weeks visiting relatives in Chattanooga, Tenn. and Atlanta, Ga. Wilda Brown, niece of Mrs. Maynard accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. F. E. Hollingsworth, Sr. returned Sunday from a three weeks vacation with her daughter and son-in-law, Reverend and Mrs. F. Ellsworth Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rawls left Monday to spend a week at Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Criseman and son, recently returned from two weeks vacation in Virginia and N. Carolina, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rowland of Jacksonville visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Myra Byrom over the weekend. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rowland of Orlando.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zie-man last week were their niece,

Mrs. Lydia Beardon left Wednesday for Ashburn, Ga., where she will visit her mother, Mrs. T. A. White.

Mrs. I. J. Cowan of Tampa, arrived to spend a week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Boone.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson is leaving Saturday to visit her daughter, Miss Florence Henderson in New York City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cromartie and children, Dianne and John, spent the weekend at Juno Beach.

Among the guests at the Colonades over the weekend from Belle Glade were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones and children; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood and children; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lindrose and children.

Guests from Pahokee were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shirley.

BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS

MARY ELEANOR KIDDER. In compliance to Miss Mary Eleanor Kidder, whose marriage to James M. Wall will be an event of Sept. 11, the Women's Society of Christian Service entertained at a bridal shower Tuesday night at the Community Methodist Church.

Mrs. M. M. Sabiston, Mrs. Doyle Timmons and Mrs. E. L. Holladay presided at the serving table, which was centered with a miniature bride staphanotis, orange blossoms and fern, and lighted tapers in silver candelabras. A three tiered white wedding cake graced one end of the table.

Mrs. Herbert Beck was in charge of arrangements assisted by Mrs. Vernie Boots, Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Walter Thames, Mrs. Joe Freedlund, Mrs. Curtis Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Maynard, Mrs. Jack Royalls and Mrs. George Royal.

Mrs. S. K. Smith, Jr., organist, Mrs. L. P. Paxon, pianist and Mrs. Z. T. Ingram, vocalist gave several musical selections. Members of the bridal party assisted Miss Kidder in opening the gifts.

Others present were: Mrs. J. P. Browne, Mrs. Ivan Van Horn, Mrs. Clarence Kidder, Mrs. Aubrey Arnold, Mrs. J. T. Boy-



Mr. and Mrs. Tomkins Griffin Foster whose wedding took place August 21, at the Everglades Presbyterian Church.

Marian Thomas, Tallahassee and nephew, James Thomas from St. Leo's School in Tampa. Over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ziemann, and baby and Mrs. Ziemann's sister, Nina, were guests.

Several young people of the First Baptist Church chosen met at the home of Arlene Robbins recently, where they gave a going away party for Shelton Peale, student at Stetson University.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hodges and children, spent the weekend in Ft. Pierce visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Criseman and son, recently returned from two weeks vacation in Virginia and N. Carolina, where they visited relatives.

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Births

August 30 — Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hyers (Alma Marie Ellis) announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 3 — Mr. and Mrs. George Andes (Geraldine Kennedy) announce the birth of a son, Roy, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 3 — Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lockhart (Joyce Wylene Collins) announce the birth of a daughter, Jacquelyn Wylene, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 4 — Mr. and Mrs. James C. Soles (Dorothy Wiseman) announce the birth of a son, Jimmy Ray, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson (Geraldine Col-

lins) announce the birth of a son, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morales (Gloria Ingram) announce the birth of a son, Zack Vincent, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zump (Merita Finan) announce the birth of a son, Thomas, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Prevatt (Yvonne Lanier) announce the birth of a daughter, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach Friday, Sept. 4.

Rev. and Mrs. John Cooper announce the birth of a daughter, Miki Lee, at Good Samaritan Hospital on Friday, Sept. 4.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
ADD SEVEN MEMBERS

The Lake Okechobee Sports-

man's Club met Tuesday at the Municipal Park for a barbecue and a business meeting with the addition of seven new members; Dr. Victor Mulberg, C. W. McDonald and Bill Nicolson, Belle Glade; Kelly Willis, South Bay; Dick Parrish and T. W. Knight, Pahokee; Louis Cowart, Canal Point.

C. E. Williams, Pahokee, president, presided at the business meeting. After a discussion, the group decided to build within the next two weeks, quail feeders to supply food for quails that have been driven by water to higher ground, to be located in the western part of the county.

Two wildlife films were shown by F. H. Wise of J. and S. Fish Camp and Herbert Worth, former wildlife officer for this area. In charge of arrangements were Ray Whitlock, Windy Willis and Kelly Willis.

To Our Friends In The Glades:

The equipment used by the Berry Funeral Home has been acquired and will be used in operating funeral homes in PAHOKEE and BELLE GLADE, as

Wetherington Funeral Homes

with ownership and operation by C. R. Wetherington, Geo. L. Williams, and Gladys C. Williams, with Mr. Wetherington as Mortician in Charge.

Service will be offered from North County Line around to and including South Bay, Bean City and Lake-Harbor Communities.

We have begun the remodeling and reconditioning of our FUNERAL HOME in Belle Glade, with plans for its opening in the very near future.

We cordially invite the public to visit both homes — PAHOKEE and BELLE GLADE — and to inspect our facilities.

To our many friends who have expressed their acceptance of this undertaking by calls and with flowers, we express our sincere appreciation.

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ALL CLASSIFIED ADS ARE CASH IN ADVANCE

FOR SALE - New and used. Willys Jeep. Walter Ashley's Garage. Phone 2540. 1-31-54

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meeting every Monday 8:30 p. m. Woman's Club. Municipal Phone 2995. 12-24-54

FOR SALE - "Life-Time" aluminum gates. No rot, no sag, no rust, no splinter, no replacing. Available immediately at Glades Appliance Corporation. Phone 2941. 5-8-54

FOR SALE - Datsun Engines 6 H. P. to 150 H. P. Walter Ashley's Garage - Phone 2540. 10-19-54

RUBBER HOSE - More than a million feet in stock prices below jobbers. No replacing. Rubber and industrial hose for every service. Section, fire, hose water, irrigation, spray, air. REMNANTS, M.I.L., ENDS. Couplings of all kinds. AN INCH OR A MILE. AMAZON HOSE & RUBBER CO. 2645 N. W. Miami Ave. Phone 84-4566. 12-12-54

WANTED TO LOAN free of charge to you, 1953 Zenith T. V. Sets, to see if they will work at your house for 3 day period. We furnish portable trailer antenna also. Call Pat. Phone 2550 Belle Glade. 1-1-54

FOR Health's Sake use DEEP ROCK WATER - Phone 2056 for free delivery. 2-2-54

FOR DRIVEWAY FILLS - Muck or shell rock. Phone 2384. A. Pike. 6-12-54

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SEPTIC TANKS CLEANED - Contact O. R. Stapler, phone 3342, Pahokee, Fla. 5-6-54

FOR RENT - Three room furnished apartment with private bath, 449 S. E. 4th Street, phone 2473. 9-4-54

FOR SALE - TD6 Tractor, TD9 with angle driver, Oliver tractor with extended tracks and high clearance. W. W. Weeks, Phone 2041. 7-31-54

FOR RENT - 1200 acres of East Coast farm land, good for corn or other winter vegetables. See Mr. C. L. Hamilton Blount, Pampiano, p. o. box 1815 or telephone 6791. 7-10-54

FOR SALE - Modern three bedroom home, large living room, garage, utility room, screened porch, 316 S. W. 2nd St. Phone 2713 or 2521. 7-10-54

FOR SALE - New and used LAWN MOWERS. Mowers sharpened and repaired. Walter Ashley's Garage, Belle Glade. 7-17-54

FENCE POSTS and piling - heart pine or cypress. Roy F. Lewis, phone 2563 LaBelle. 7-3-54

APARTMENT FOR RENT - Private and cool. 109 S. E. Avenue E, phone 2979. 8-21-54

TELEVISION - 1953 DuMont, G.E. Zenith and others. Free trial in your own home. Satisfaction guaranteed or no deal. Lake Shore Radio, 163 Ave. A. Belle Glade. Phone 2925. 7-17-54

FOR LEASE - Two bedroom downstairs apartment, by year or season. Phone 2940. 8-14-54

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COUNTY ART TEACHERS MEET FOR WORK SHOP

A group of 40 art teachers and art chairmen of Palm Beach County Schools met for an all day work shop at the Palm Beach County School, Sept. 2, with Mrs. Margaret Earwood, Belle Glade and Pahokee art teacher, as coordinator.

A planned program of demonstration at which the entire group participated was presented by the art teachers. Those Glades teachers attending were Mrs. Margaret Earwood, Mrs. Elizabeth Hobson, Mrs. Jean Lloyd and Mrs. Ruth Irvin. Belle Glade; Miss Mary Crosby and Mrs. Peggy Pallick, Canal Point; Mrs. Edith Schuman of South Bay.

BWPC SPONSOR CAMPAIGN TO GET OUT THE VOTE

The Business and Professional Women's Club are sponsoring a "get out the vote" campaign and will provide transportation on Election Day, Sept. 15, to those who do not have a way of getting to the polls. They will also provide a baby sitting service for those with small children, who cannot get to the polls otherwise. Persons wishing this service are asked to contact Mrs. Ruth Barron, phone 2922.

FOR SALE - St. Augustine grass. Phone 2600. 8-21-54

FOR SALE - TD-9 Tractor - good condition - Phone 2610. 8-21-54

FOR RENT - Rooms. Kitchen privileges if desired. 308 S. E. 3rd St. Phone 2526. 9-4-54

SALESMAN WANTED - Would like to hear from man with work for Rawleigh. Business in City of West Palm Beach, Florida. No capital needed. See Mrs. Emma Harbold, Box 324, Lake Worth, Florida. Tell her you start, or write RAWLEIGH'S, Dept. FAJ-610, 2160 Memphis, Tenn. 9-4-54

FOR SALE - Cheap - Boat and motor. D. J. Davis, 400 1/2 West Palm Beach Road. 9-11-54

FOR RENT - All or parcels, 3230 acres in Belle Glade area. 1-1-54

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Mr. Parson is associated with the FBI out of Philadelphia. Mrs. Parsons will be remembered as the former organist at the First Baptist Church, Ft. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Humes and two children, Norman and Eleanor, of Milford, Illinois arrived last week to make their home in Belle Glade and are residing at 25 N. W. Avenue G. Mr. Humes is associated with Crow Florida Cattle Company at Okaloosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall left Tuesday for Auburn, Alabama, where Mr. Hall will attend Alabama Polytechnical Institute.

PAR-TEE-LINE

(Continued from Page One) pro, if old Sol will stay for a week or even a few days, play can be resumed.

Plans are being made for the Second Annual Everglades Amateur Golf Championship for the Mayor's Trophy to be held as soon as the course is in A-1 condition. The winner last year was R. R. Roth, Clewiston, who will be unable to defend his title this year having moved from the area. Mrs. Pete Kirkman was champion in the ladies division and will be on hand to defend her title. Watch this column for date of tournament.

Joe reports that when another permits, the Club House will get a face lifting and with a few minor repairs about the building everything will be in tip-top shape for the coming season. Ladies Day will be resumed and a large turnout of those folks having moved last spring is expected, and now that school has started, most of the ladies can get in a few hours golf during the week.

In golf circles it has been reported that "Little Doc" Van Landingham "may be losing his mind". Edith, the wife just can't find room to keep food in the icebox. It seems Little Doc read an article that golf balls are livelier and remain firm and solid when kept cold. He's just planning on beating O. G. McWhorter! Sportsters have reported Mac has been seen swinging clubs out behind the cow shed in beton showers, the last couple of weeks. Look out solfers for these two, they will probably give some tough competition.

The Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Ashley the second Tuesday of each month unless announced otherwise. Father William J. Holmes, new pastor, was introduced to the group. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. LaChance and Mrs. Dexter.

YOUTH WEEK PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY M.Y.F.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship conducted a youth week which began August 30 and concluded September 4.

Those mainly in charge of the program for the entire week were Jerry Barry—Belle Glade, Joy Thornton—Wachula, Rhoda Birchiel—Gainesville, and Buck Freency—Fort Myers. These young people led the informal sessions, the short classes, the discussion groups, the recreation, and the worship services. They did a grand job and deserve a lot of credit.

Each night there was a large group of young people in attendance ranging from 12 to 23 years of age. Many were from other churches and a good time was had by all who attended. Youth week concluded with a hamburger fry at the City Park Friday night. There were plenty of good eats and a group of about 60 to enjoy them. Afterwards, recreation was held in the church and a worship program was led by Miss Mary Eleanor Kidder.

All in all it was a grand week—one filled with fun and fellowship and one that will long be remembered by all.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY

Constable Buford Prescott and Justice of the Peace, Joe Cherry left Thursday to attend a Safety Conference Friday and Saturday at the George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville. Mr. Cherry will return home Monday. Mr. Prescott will go to Macon, Ga., on business before returning to Belle Glade.

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The following things were accomplished during Melvin Herring's term on the South Bay City Council:

Paved First and Second Streets, and Joe Lewis Avenue. Purchased present fire truck, garbage truck, police car, and city park property. Built and furnished new South Bay City Hall. Increased street lights in town from 13 to 78. Started the project of keeping the high grass mowed. Started the fly and mosquito dusting program.

Successfully worked to get Palm Beach County School Board to purchase the white school and Rosewood School sites.

Successfully worked to get County Commission to pave West Canal Street, and to extend county road to Rosewood School.

Successfully worked to get State to designate School Zone on U. S. 27.

During this time the council donated equity to white and colored recreation projects. All of the above projects were accomplished without additional taxes.

Paid for by supporters of Melvin Herring for Councilman in 1952.

I Am Announcing My Candidacy For CITY COMMISSIONER

North Borough

I WILL DO YOU AS GOOD A JOB
AS I CAN AS CHEAP AS I CAN,
AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR
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George E. Tedder

Paid Political Adv.

TO THE VOTERS OF BELLE GLADE

With the cooperation of other city commissioners, I would like to improve the drainage, sanitary conditions, and continue improvement of all the parks. The 15 years I have been associated with the Glades Equippers Company makes me feel I am qualified to serve the city as a

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Candidate for

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

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For 2 Years with the cooperation of the other Commissioners I have sincerely tried to improve your City; Better Streets, Drainage, Less Grass, Etc. — For another Two Years I want to continue to help make Belle Glade the BEST little City in all Florida. Your VOTE Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 1953 will be appreciated.

H. O. "COCKY" CARLTON

Paid Political Adv.

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Lester Rhudy

WILL BE FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

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FROM NORTH BOROUGH

(Paid Political Adv.)

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Herman L. Close

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from West Borough

For continued growth and improvement of Belle Glade for all people

1. City Manager
2. Better Water Control
3. Continued Improvements of Streets
4. Extra Source of Water Supply into Lake Okechobee
5. Securing and Developing 10 acre area as Park in colored section of town
6. Securing 5 acres Near High School for P.Park Purposes
7. Continued work on Streets and Sidewalks Around Schools.

(Paid Political Adv.)

For This I Stand

Community Cooperation . . .

Efficient service and civic achievements do not come by accident but through intelligent cooperation between public officials and the people.

... for this I stand.

Good Government . . .

A City Commissioner must keep well informed on important issues; present the facts to the public honestly; put service above self, and strive for efficient operation of the law.

... for this I stand.

Progress Through Foresight . . .

To establish for our City a reputation of foresight in planning and developing a community to meet the requirements of today and the challenge of future growth.

... for this I stand.

SARA LEE CREECH

Candidate For

CITY COMMISSIONER

West Borough

"A Consistent Record For Community Service"

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BANK CREDIT AVAILABLE TO FLORIDA CATTLEMEN

Bank loans are still available to Florida cattlemen from local banks. This fact was definitely established at a meeting of the Agriculture Committee of The Florida Bankers Association held here last week.

The committee was called into special session by its Chairman, James G. Richardson, Vice-President Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Ocala, to discuss the present cattle situation in Florida. After hearing reports from bankers representing all sections of Florida, it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that loans to established cattle producers

in Florida were still available from banks which have been loaning to cattlemen in the past. Representatives of these banks said they intended to stand behind the established cattlemen and help them weather the storm until cattle prices began to recover.

Chairman Richardson stated that, "bank loans are being made upon the appraisal of cattle in the light of present market prices, and not the inflated prices of the past few years. Some of the smaller banks may find it necessary to call upon their larger correspondent banks in the cities to assist in carrying a portion of the cattle paper, but everyone present felt that Florida banks can provide the money needed by Florida cattlemen during this period of low prices without having to call upon the federal government for assistance."

The committee took note of the fact that the cattle industry in Florida had made great strides in the past few years and that the future holds even greater promise. The committee also noted that banks which have been lending cattle loans have been proud of the part they have played in the development of this industry and believe they can adequately serve the financial needs of the cattlemen, both now and in the future.

During the meeting it was revealed that during the forthcoming Bankers Agriculture Credit Conference to be held on the Campus of the University of Florida at Gainesville on November 12 and 13 further study of the problems of the Florida cattle industry would be made.

Public Law 303, was April 9, 1953.

On May 22, the War Claims Commission was compelled to discontinue the certification for payment by the Treasury of POW claims for \$1.50 per day money in the Fund for the payment of these claims had been exhausted. As of the close of business May 22, 1953, 61,869 claims had been paid in the total sum of \$40,522,512.

By the end of the present calendar year it is expected that primary adjudication of POW claims under Public Law 303 will be completed. All claims filed up to November 8, 1952, have been adjudicated. Adjudication will continue at the rate of approximately 2300 per week.

CLASSROOM WORK NEEDS CAREFUL EYE CHECKING

The 20/20 eyesight test is inadequate and misleading as a guide to a child's vision for classroom work. Dr. A. C. C. Thompson, president of the Florida East Coast Optometric Association, declared today as (state) schools prepared for a new school year.

"Most of a child's critical seeing is within arm's length, not at 20 feet, the distance of the letter chart test," Dr. Thompson said. "Furthermore, the child needs many visual skills which cannot be tested merely by reading letters on a chart."

"The 20/20 standard is almost a hundred years old and does not take into account all that has been learned about vision in recent years. It merely means that you can read at 20 feet the letters that someone says you should."

"If you can read only the larger letters that you should be able to see at 30 feet, you have 20/30 vision, and so on. A 20/20 score does not mean perfect vision nor average vision. It is just an arbitrary standard set before we knew any better."

Dr. Thompson said that many schools today have adopted more comprehensive screening tests and they usually reveal that about four out of ten pupils are handicapped in school performance by inadequate vision. He said that ordinarily only about half of these cases would be found by the 20/20 letter chart test.

posts of posters reminding service men that Red Cross services and supplies are given without charge.

The poster also invites members of the armed forces to report any violation of this policy to their commanding officer or the nearest Red Cross office.

An initial supply of 13,000 posters has been distributed to display in Red Cross field offices, on military post bulletin boards, and at Red Cross chapters.

The poster states: "Assistance given to you or your family is provided for by voluntary contributions from the American people. Red Cross services and supplies for members of the armed forces are not sold. If anyone asks you to pay for any of these services or supplies, please report the facts to your commanding officer or the nearest Red Cross office."

Payment for Red Cross services was resumed only during World War II when military authorities insisted that the organization charge for overnight lodging and meals at its overseas clubs which were not in combat areas. No such charges were made in Korea.

Despite this fact, the Red Cross said, false stories about the sale of everything from cigarettes to blood have been circulated in Korea. The new poster — display of which is required in all Red Cross field offices on military installations — is designed to help combat these false rumors by emphasizing the fact that the Red Cross is not selling anything to servicemen or servicewomen.

season of acceptable trucking rates to northern markets.

It was Smathers, too, who was credited on blamed, depending upon the viewpoint for failure to admit Hawaii to statehood this year. He raised the question of whether Harry Bridges and Communists or Communist sympathizers would hold the balance of power there and pleaded for more thorough deliberation before a precedent was set for the admission of states far from the Continental United States.

Growing caution in regard to foreign aid was indicated when Smathers voted for 10 amendments which would have cut such funds. No isolationist and formerly a supporter of such measures, he questioned whether the United States was not doing too much in some countries which were not bearing their own share of the fight against communism.

Should the Democrats gain a clear-cut majority in the Senate, where they now have a temporary edge as a result of the deaths of Sens. Robert A. Taft and Charles W. Tobey, an even more important committee assignment is reported to await him. That would be on the Senate Finance Committee, where Sen. Walter George of Georgia is ranking Democratic

number, and where some of the critical battles over budget balancing attempts and taxes will be fought next year.

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POLIO IN FLORIDA 'IS ABOUT SAME AS IN '51' SAYS BOARD OF HEALTH

What's the score on polio in Florida for the first 31 weeks of 1953 as compared with a similar period for last year?

"Just about the same," says the Florida State Board of Health.

The statement came from Dr. L. L. Parks, director of the state health agency's Bureau of Preventable Diseases, which keeps an eye on the incidence of polio in the state's 67 counties.

"As of July 31, this year," said Dr. Parks, "there have been reports of 238 cases of polio in 25 counties, as compared with 232 cases in 33 counties for the same period in 1952."

"At no time so far this year has any locality in Florida even approached the epidemic area classification as defined by the Office of Defense Mobilization. However the death rate in some localities has been unusually high."

The Office of Defense Mobilization, Dr. Parks explained, is in charge of distributing scarce gamma globulin supplies for use as a polio preventive to the states on the basis of the number of cases reported during the past five years.

"A certain percentage of the available gamma globulin supply already has been sent to each state for distribution to its respective counties. Some stocks have been held in reserve at national levels for distribution to localities which have developed enough polio cases to be classified as 'epidemic areas.'"

"We feel that we have been fortunate in Florida where polio is concerned," Dr. Parks continued. "Polio has struck lightly here in comparison with several other states or areas. We are maintaining a close watch, however. Plans are ready for a mass immunization program if we should reach the epidemic stage."

"Because of the national shortage of gamma globulin, we have had to limit its use to household contacts of diagnosed polio cases and to expectant mothers. Information and distribution plans have been sent to all physicians in the state and they are cooperating with us in its use. In addition we have held several meetings with lay groups to explain our distribution plans which are designed to spread scarce supplies to accomplish the most useful purpose."

Polio, which occurs every month in the year in Florida, follows no predictable pattern, but the high point for reporting cases occurs generally in August, September or October, vital statistics bureau records show.

FALSE RUMORS OF ARMY PROGRAM BY RED CROSS TO BE INVESTIGATED

T. G. Reynolds, Chapter Chairman of the Palm Beach County Red Cross, stated that beginning Thursday, September 3, the National Red Cross will open a nation-wide fight against false rumors regarding the Red Cross military program. This vigorous national campaign to combat misinformation and false rumors will include the wide spread distribution of military

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

From

U.S.S.I.

(No. 3 in a series of 3 articles)

Two were published last week.

Washington — Smathers also took a leading part in the successful effort to keep alive the carriers' safety program of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the attempt to exempt movie houses, now closing at the rate of several thousand a year, from the 20 percent admission tax. The latter bill passed both houses, but was killed by President Eisenhower's pocket veto because of the need for the revenue it brings, some \$100,000,000 a year.

And it was a Smathers led coup on the Senate floor, achieving a rare success in the wee hours of a night session, which brought to the floor the controversial trip leasing bill, previously bottled up, and insured Florida vegetable and fruit growers of at least one more

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A typical fire-fighting unit of the Everglades Fire Control District — one of twenty-odd units — under Chief Guy J. Bender, a specialist, because he has been responsible for the building up and operation of the District and its facilities over the years.

This unit has a centrifugal pump mounted on the front which can direct a stream at 100-and-up pounds of pressure, either from its own tanks, or from a nearby ditch or canal.

Also, the unit is equipped

with a pumper and large intake hose as well as normal fire hose so that water from canals may be utilized.

Each unit is equipped with two-way radio so that the central office can direct the operations, as well as order them to the most dangerous spot at the moment. The Chief is connected by two-way radio with the Highway Patrol, and thus is ready at any time to receive reports of incipient fires thru the patrolmen in the Fire Control District.

In a quarter to half an hour

where within the many counties of South Florida's level terrain and semi-tropical climate produce an abundance of vegetation growth that promotes sweeping and destructive fires.

This is especially true in the Everglades section where transportation difficulties require special techniques in controlling fires.

The soil of the Everglades is formed by the decay of the lush vegetation that creates the seasonal fire hazard. Under dry season conditions the very soil ignites from the sweeping grass fires and large acreages are endangered by burning to the ground water table, and even the underlying bed rock.

Such fires in the soil are difficult to prevent and more difficult to extinguish. Seasonal overdrainage of these peat soils has greatly increased the problem of preventing fires in the soil. However, these same soils, adequately drained and cultivated, produce some of the finest food and fiber crops in the world. The ability of these soils to produce foodstuffs was evidenced during World War II by the presentation of the Agriculture Award by the Army.

One of the most serious dangers to the production of crops is the weakening of the dikes by fire and the resultant failure of the dike during the following flood. The farm dikes are largely constructed from the peat soils. Fire in these dry embankments will smolder for months if permitted to do so. Extinguishing one of these deep-burning dike fires is a slow and difficult job.

Fire, in addition to the destruction of irreplaceable peat soils, produces a pall of acid smoke over adjacent cities that causes discomfort to all citizens and serious illness to persons with respiratory trouble. During the extensive fires of 1945 and 1946 many persons were forced to leave the State because of the smoke condition. Highway transportation was hampered and the normal economy of the area was affected in many ways.

Smoke from these fires interferes with normal air traffic and during the dry years of late World War II, caused problems in the training of service personnel throughout South Florida.

Florida's relatively fog-free climate should be protected from the smoke nuisance.

The vast areas of uninhabited lands of the lower Everglades provide ideal target ranges for aerial bombing.

The U. S. Government is the owner of three large tracts of land in this part of Florida — two reservations for the Seminole Indians and Everglades National Park. The latter is especially vulnerable to fires and damaged by them. Here again is a special problem of fire control requiring special equipment and trained personnel.

Prior to the creation of the Everglades Fire Control District by the 1935 Legislature, thousands of acres of valuable muck land were destroyed by fire, and many thousands of acres in the eleven county area were left barren of all vegetation.

While the appropriation at the beginning was very small, the Department began to demonstrate that fires could be controlled, and that with adequate equipment, many acres of muck, and especially muck dikes, could be saved, in addition to greatly lessening fire and smoke damage in other areas.

During the 1941 meeting of the Legislature adequate funds were appropriated to purchase and build equipment so that at

least one unit could be stationed in each of the eleven counties. The same Legislature provided for a Board of Commissioners composed of one from each of the counties in the District.

During the ten year period of the continuing appropriation of \$75,000 per year, the department was faced with varied climatic conditions, some extremely dry, and others with an abundance of moisture. One year, when the water table remained high in addition to normal rainfall, approximately \$20,000 was returned to the State Treasury, as the Commissioners decided that "unspent funds should be returned, if not needed."

A total of \$387,000 was returned to the State during this period. When continuing appropriations were abandoned by the Legislature as a policy, the budget was cut to \$67,000 per year, and at a time when the purchasing power of the dollar was greatly reduced. We not only lost future dollars, but the Department records have been penalized on account of

the reduced purchasing power of a dollar.

Most of the surplus stock accumulated was used up during 49-'51 and larger appropriations were asked of the Legislature in '51. The Budget Commission as well as both House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved a \$100,000 per year appropriation, but the Governor brought this down to only \$66,000 per year, causing a major limitation of operations and forest maintenance.

The current Budget Commission approved an appropriation of \$111,650 annually, and in addition recommended an item of \$30,000 be included for the construction of headquarters, shop, and office on five acres of land on State Road No. 15, three miles north of Belle Glade. The building being used at present is only temporary and wholly inadequate.

The District must have sufficient funds for operation or it must discontinue the effort. Since the beginning of the Department, records have been kept, showing the number of

fires, number of acres involved, number of man hours to extinguish, the section, range and township, as well as the probable origin or each of the eleven counties.

From 1941 thru '51, this department was called on to extinguish 4,651 fires, varying in size from a small roadside fire to large sawgrass fires involving thousands of acres. These records show that in fires on all privately owned lands, and drainage districts, the Fire Control furnished the necessary equipment and pumps, together with the unit operator, and the landowners furnished the additional help necessary. In many instances this was equal to or more than the cost to the State.

While the counties in the District do not levy additional acreage tax, as do the counties in which the Florida Forest Service operates, the additional labor furnished by the landowners may be considered to a great extent to be a matching fund against the State's expense. The State must protect its



Typical Firefighting Unit of Everglades Fire Control Organization — A Self-contained Machine

own lands, of which it owns lower east coast when strong many thousands of acres in the winds blow over the burning District, but must be concerned area. Should these large burning areas be left uncontrolled, they could also affect the operation of the State's largest airport at Miami, as well as many service fields in southeast Florida.

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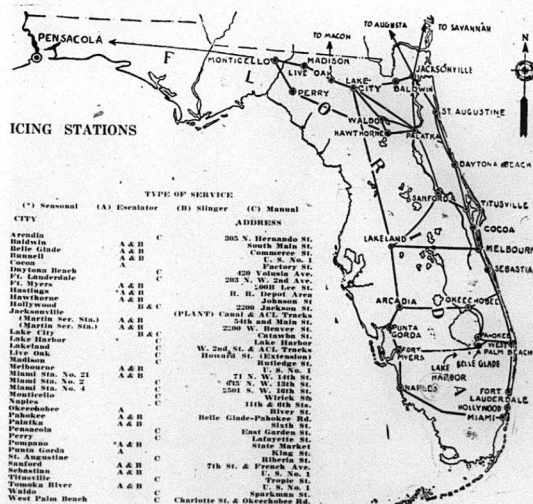
one can see that the ice industry has made tremendous strides in growing with this

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Typical of one present-day service to the Glades is the Lake Harbor Plant (left) and the new Belle Glade Plant (right). The old plant at Belle Glade and the original plant at Pahokee are also worked to capacity.

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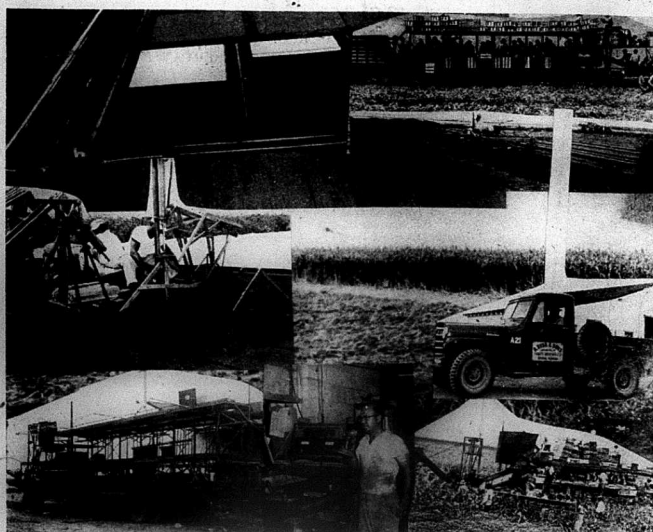
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Center right, is shown a field of "Egyptian Wheat" or Kaffir Corn planted during the off season, summer, as a soil conditioner and land-builder. The dense foliage is shown being run down, just before formation of the grain. The roots will sprout again and a second growth as heavy will be run down just before plowing for the fall crops. This growth is turned under. Land improvement, and elimination of weeds and grass is a practice followed in this manner by many Glades farmers.

Upper left is shown celery seed beds with a rice field in the foreground. Also shown are rock roads, main pumping canal, covered with hyacinths, as well as control canals to the north, east and west.

Center left is shown a wide

tract-tractor equipped with a hydraulic ram for correctly spacing and putting into ground "A" frames on which covers for the celery seed beds will be fastened.

Upper right is shown, top, a celery harvester. The cutting crew at right end of picture makes the celery ready for the conveyor belt which takes it to the graders and packers shown. Topside the men are assembling crates which are handed down to the packers as needed. At the left the graded and packed celery is loaded on a truck which takes it to the precooling plant before loading into iced cars. Just under this picture is shown a mechanical celery seed bed shaper, which prepares the beds to receive the seed. This operation, as well as the "A" frame machine replace hand labor

heretofore used.

At lower left is shown eight sets of duals plus two large areoplane tires which provide flotation for the machines in the field.

At the right center Manager Sam Knight is calling thru the central station to Nicky Paff at the machine shop to "get a man down to pump No. 2 right away"—the power unit is fouled up.

Such mobile two-way radio units, of which Mr. Knight has eight, allows constant contact with his foremen, shop and other key operators.

All of the special equipment used on the Duda Farm was built and maintained by its own organization.

If, the lower right is a sweet corn harvesting machine. The boom in front of the machine holds a belt which takes the

cars of corn thrown on by the pickers. This belt carries the corn on to the machine where it is graded and packed, and is taken off the rear into trucks for a trip to the precooler.

This machine harvests sixteen rows on each trip, uses 40 men and women and will harvest approximately 10 acres or 2,500 crates per day.

Formerly the corn was pulled by hand, placed in carts and carried to a central point for grading and packing.

Florida's bluegill bream and crappie are flashy little sportfishers when caught on "light tackle."

Following the Civil War an influx of settlers with slaves built plantations in the vicinity of Ponce de Leon Springs.

Sugarcane Filling Economic Void For Vegetable Farmers

Okeelanta Purchasing Farmers Cane For A Profitable Venture

Okeelanta Plantation, under the new ownership of experienced sugar operators, is contributing materially to the economic stability of the Glades not only in producing a million dollar crop, but also thru its policy of accepting cutbacks in purchase cane grown by farmers in the winter months.

Because of a fall crop on the red-link side of the ledger, generally, and an early winter market that leaves the bank account a bit encaunted, the economic value of a crop of sugarcane in a farmer's diversification program is satisfying.

The harvest for 52-53 lasted 144 days with 20,309,800 pounds of sugar produced and 914,563 gallons of blackstrap molasses.

There were 171,504 tons of cane harvested which yielded an average of 6.53% sugar yield.

An average of 5.34 gallons of molasses were recovered per ton of cane milled.

Figures recently released show that Fellmeyer produced 10,242 tons of sugar; for the season just ended, Clewiston came up with its greatest year of 128,838 tons, while Okeelanta produced 15,591.

Okeelanta's own crop of 121,000 tons of cane plus the contract growers' tonnage of 50,300 tons gave a harvest running 144 days.

The seven growers, Mark Tennant, Claude Wiley, Mutt Thomas, John L. Evans, Billy Rogers, Harley Watson and Balton have approximately 1,200 gross acres of cane, the most of which is late maturing, which fits in with the early maturing cane of the Corporation.

Contracts with individual growers, such as have been in force for several years with U. S. Sugar, and now Okeelanta, are strictly regulated under the Sugar Act.

Mr. Tennant's cane is of the small barrel variety, earlier maturing, and is a Glades invention as is 430 a large barrel cane and medium season in maturity.

A majority of the acreage of the local farmers is of the 430 variety which matures at a time when the Okeelanta can grind it.

at the end of their own fields, thus allowing a longer use of the mill and facilities.

The 150-day, and longer, harvest of Glades cane is in favorable contrast with the 90 to 100 days harvest time for Louisiana cane.

After a busy summer revamping and installing new equipment to increase its capacity 60 percent over last year, Okeelanta Sugar Company started on the biggest grinding season of its career. Last year, in a 100-day season, which started Nov. 17 and ended March 2, Okeelanta ground 93,278.5 tons of cane and produced 7,245.9 tons of refined white sugar.

But, McNamara says, no refined sugar came out of Okeelanta this year. The company's sugar production, through the season, is being maintained for the time when the company again produces white sugar.

Okeelanta, which since 1949 had been operated by the Columbia Bank for Cooperatives, was taken over by new owners, Salustiano Garcia Diaz, president, and Manuel de Quintana, executive vice president, two Cubans who own and operate a group of sugar mills in Cuba. George Sally, Miami, is company secretary. Top working staff at Okeelanta, however, remains the same.

Plant changes made during the "idle" season last summer, while an additional 1,000 acres of cane were being planted, bringing to 6,000 the total acreage now in cane, have considerably increased the mill's capacity for output. Previously capable of grinding 1,000 tons of cane every 24 hours, the new machinery, can now handle a load of 1,500 tons in the same period.

Summer improvements included the installation of new Babcock and Wilcox boilers, and turbine for cane knives. In addition, the clarification station has been revamped, and three new MacFarland juice heaters installed. In the evaporation station, a new 6,000 square-foot pre-evaporator has been installed. Honolulu Iron Works designed. And to make the wheels go round, in the power plant (Okeelanta generates its own), two new 500 kilowatt GE generators have been installed.

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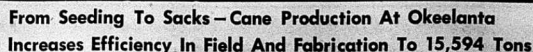
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As an operator of 1,800 acres of willow-elder and sawgrass land from which a total of 1,400,000 packages were shipped for the past season, the Duda Farms just east of Belle Glade maintains a year-round organization employing sixty or more persons throughout the summer.

Rice, field corn and cover crops, as well as celery seed beds, coupled with reworking, repairing and building equipment keeps the summer crew busy.

Celery accounts for approximately 700,000 packages in the normal year, with sweet corn making up approximately 300,000 packages; escarole, chicory, Chinese cabbage and bell peppers account for the balance.

The production from the Duda farm in the Glades, as well as that around Ovieda and Sanford, is marketed by a cooperative organization formed of the several family mem-

Sam Knight operates the Glades farms for the organization and lives with his family in Belle Glade.

In the right upper portion of picture is shown a flooded rice field with field corn in the next field. The dividing dike (center left) is shown covered with St. Augustine grass, which is planted to keep weeds and bush off the dike, prevent washing of the banks, and greatly reduce upkeep of the dike.

Upper left is shown Emmett Roberts, member of the Board of Central and Southern Florida District with Sam Knight, Superintendent of the Duda operations in the Glades in the field of corn.

Lower left Mr. Roberts and Mr. Knight are inspecting the

In the center bottom is shown one of the pump houses on the Duda Farms. Immediately under the doorway is seen a con-

crete beam which is a part of the gate and control from the canal in the forefront to the pump. Similar controls are on the north (left) and on the east

By this arrangement the water table on the west of the pump house may be drawn down as it is shown here, while

In this case the rice field is flooded thru the gate and canals of the north control, while the corn field is pumped down by the west gate and canals.

The two pumps in the house shown have sufficient capacity city water tank each minute.

The summer crop of field corn serves both as a soil con-

(each 30,000 gallons per min-

(each 10,000 gallons per minute) to more than fill a normal conditioner, keeps weeds and grass from growing, and furnishes a feed for cattle and very im-

Preparation for seeding — plowing, levelling, fertilising, regularity of spacing of seed pieces — goes a long way towards getting the generous stand in the background and the height indicated in the top rows of pie tures.

Water control — clean ditches, well shaped roadways, are all vital to successful agriculture in the muck lands (two upper right scenes). On the left side of the mill picture (center) are depleted the cane cutting and piling, after burning, and the mechanical loading of the cane in the field.

These field operations are under the supervision of Pete McIntyre, whose background includes the old Brown's Farm and many years with the U. S. Bureau.

At lower left is a scene in the crush
intently to Mike Michel, Chief Engineer.
At the right shows the actual bagging

portant justifies the year round employment of key men for the regular winter crops.

Flooding of lands is practiced by all celery growers to kill soil diseases, weeds, and insects. The growing of rice and the necessary flooding accomplishes the same while a most profitable summer crop is being taken from the land. Thus, rice is a "natural" for the muck soils, aside from the practicability of two crops per year of a high quality and generous quantity, when compared to other continental rice growing areas.

Structural clay facing tile is not ordinary wall tile. Facing wall tile is usually four inches thick and carries its own weight along with ceilings, roofs and other loads placed on it.

SUGARCANE FILLING

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Okechenta, with 18,000 acres.

Okeelanta, with 18,000 acres of land, now has about 8,500 acres under flood control. Besides the acreage now in cane, McKenzie says, an additional four sections (2,560 acres) are being developed for rice, cane, or cattle production.

Okeelanta, which was built during the war by Puerto Rican interests, has plenty of room to expand. The mill, which sits 2½ miles off US Highway 27, eight miles from South Bay, and is reached by a rock road, employs 350 laborers in the cane fields, and another 150 employees in the factory and offices.

The cane that waves gently in the breeze around Okeelanta is the tough, freeze-resistant CP

962 Early Maturing variety developed at Canal Point. Five crops are harvested from one

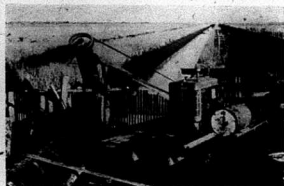
crops are harvested from one planting before the field is replanted on a staggered system. Cane is hauled from the field in caterpillar cane carts, which carry about half the harvested cane directly to mill. The rest is transferred to 15-ton trailer trucks for haulage to mill.

A demonstration of utilizing the natural resources of the muck to best advantage in sugar production is the record of Okelanta for the season 52-53. In Louisiana a harvest of 80 to 90 days is considered a full one; over more production.

The new owners, being experienced in sugar production, have repaired and expanded the facilities of the mill, and practiced modern field operations with increased yields.

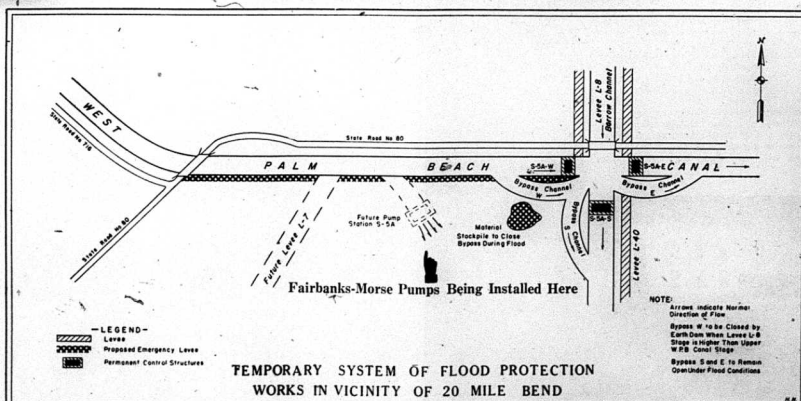
Okeelanta ran 144 days; in Louisiana a yield of 7.5 to 8% is considered a good crop; a tonnage of cane yield from 20 to 30 tons per acre is a good crop for Louisiana growers; in Flor-

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CONSTRUCTION ON L-1—CONTRACT BY TESTA BROTHERS

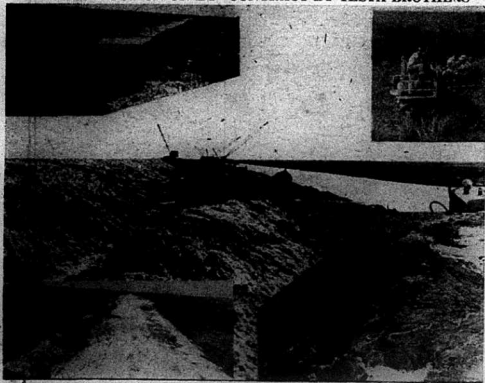


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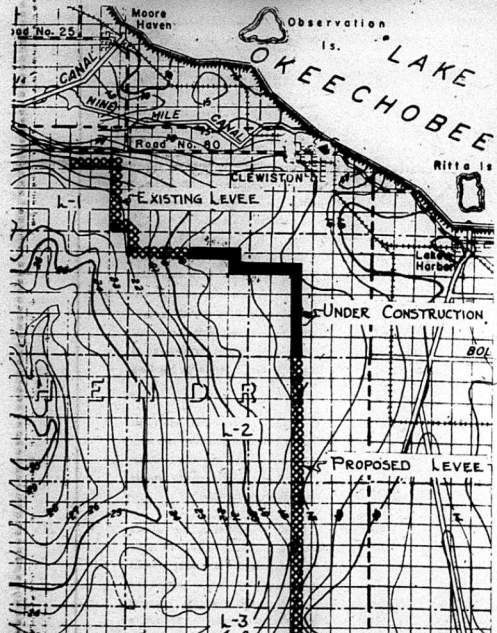
At lower right may be seen the muck being "squashed" out and away from the weight of the rock, the heavy southeast of Cleveland.

Early construction work on the Glades led by the late H. Y. Patterson, demonstrated years ago that rail and automobile roads might be built with some degree of stability by placing heavy sand or rock on top of the muck. The muck, however, is not so firm as the sand or the ditches are not placed near the roadbed. Our F. S. Engineers have adopted this method in construction.

Upper right is seen a crew of U. S. Engineers loaded for the survey. Upper left, the draglines have been used to remove the muck from the center of the rock for the dike has been piled beyond the muck berm and is ready for final shaping.

Lower left is shown the actual dike after shaping to grade, with berm spoil between the toe of the dike and the muck.

Completion of L-1 Expected To Be Followed By Contract For L-2 Which Insures Protection From the West



From the high point of the Corraline 26, shown on the left side of the map above to the Miami Canal there is a fall of 10 miles 14 to 15 miles. This drop naturally allows the flood waters when it can accommodate them to flow into the channels designated as the Agricultural Area, for flood time coincides with the time of preparation and planting of the crops in the work lands.

From the St. Lucie, on the North, come waters from similar highlands.

In following the line of dikes L-1 and L-2 it is seen that they are planned to catch these flood waters and divert them seaward away from the developed agricultural area, towards the Biscayne National Park.

Contractors Working From
Middle of Dike Towards
South End

L-1 the designed levee running south and eastward from the Caloosahatchie at a point west of Nine Mile Canal, is the northern end of a system of levees which will divert the natural course of flood waters originating in the 25- to 30-foot Hendry County elevations away from the agricultural muck south of Lake Okeechobee.

L-2, as proposed, will join L-1 at its southern extremity on the north banks of Bolles Canal, extended, and carry on to the County line, thus making effective the diversion of waters from the high lands to the west.

Testa Brothers, a midwestern contracting firm that has, before successfully completed levee in a part of the perimeter levee in

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Dual Use of Dikes Feature Coast And Area Construction

Protection For Coastal Communities And Enclosing Conservation Areas

The problems of conservation of life, and property in the densely populated communities of Florida's lower east coast and the conservation of water for human consumption, prevention of fires, conservation of the soil itself, wild life conservation and propagation, as well as conservation of soil, and water in the vast Glades Agricultural Area are accomplished in the Overall Flood Control Plan now well underway by the combined efforts of national, state and land ownership agencies.

Nature's bountiful supply of water to Florida become more important daily as her climate brings citizens from sister states and foreign countries and visitors to enjoy its year-round moderate temperatures.

By inference of railroads, zutunot, roads and indiscriminate hay-lazad water control projects on small areas, flood threats are multiplied, as are droughts. Primarily the source of supply of water for normal human and animal uses was being dissipated without a plan of maintenance or renewal; secondarily, needs of agriculture, in which the area has no equal in winter vegetable and fruit production, were reaching the

Harnessing the action of and controlling the "waste" during flood periods is the aim of the Overall Plans, as indicated in the Biblical reference to "years of plenty."

Construction of approximately fifteen and a half miles of dike (L-7) closes the protective works for the communities and farm lands lying along the eastern shores of Lake Okeechobee, from flood waters of the pine lands to our north.

An important feature of this contract will be the saving of
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Secondary Plan Provided By Owners Assures Facilities To Each Half Section Of Land

Horse sense and the dirt farmer's practical needs dominated actions of Central & South Florida Flood Control Commissioner's actions when two fundamental and epic plans of action were adopted.

The Commissioners officially adopted the objective of securing immediately the agreement of Congress to permit the encirclement of the designated "Agricultural Area".

around Lake Okeechobee's east and southern shores by the construction of dikes L-2 to L-6, inclusive to join the southern extremities of L-1 and L-7 which are now under construction.

Water control—drainage and irrigation—for areas as low as half section ownerships; as envisioned in 1912 to #17 is made practical thru action of the Board in adopting a plan for secondary channels and their connections with the major flood control system.

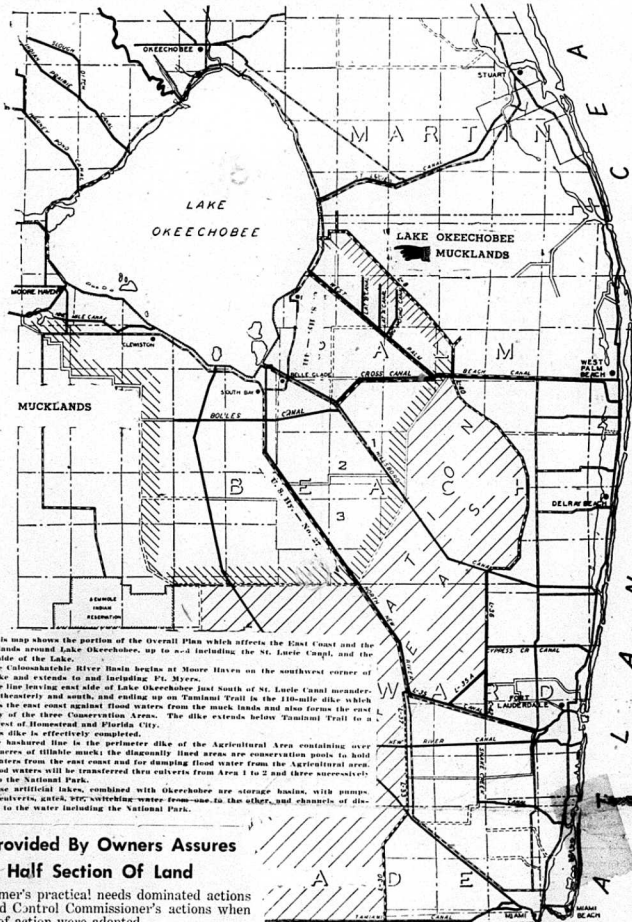
The original approved plan, as well as the authorized works called for L-17 leaving the Hillsboro at the southern line of presently developed land and skirting the northern boundary of the Serralles Ranch across the North New River to the Miami Canal and northward in the Miami Canal to the Bolles, thence west to join L-1 in Henry County. This dike would have served as a perimeter dike until dikes L-2 to L-6, inclusive were built.

Now, development within the area north of this line has been active and developments completed, under way and planned south of this intensify the need for early completion of the permanent perimeter dike...

In reappraising this situation the C&SF District shows that the cost of L-17, if built after the perimeter dike, will cost so much less, coupled with the above facts, makes it logical to urge the temporary postponement of L-17 in favor of the re-

During a visit in December, several members of the House Public Works Committee were flown over the area to judge for themselves the urgency of the new order of construction. With the US Engineers joining the C&SF in this recommendation, and participating House Members acquainted, the Florida Delegation's job in securing the necessary legislation is made easier.

L-5 and L-6 will form the.



This map shows the portion of the Overall Plan which affects the East Coast and the back lands around Lake Okeechobee, up to and including the St. Lucie Canal, and the right side of the Lake.

The Caloosahatchee River Basin begins at Moore Haven on the southwest corner of the Lake and extends to and including Ft. Myers.

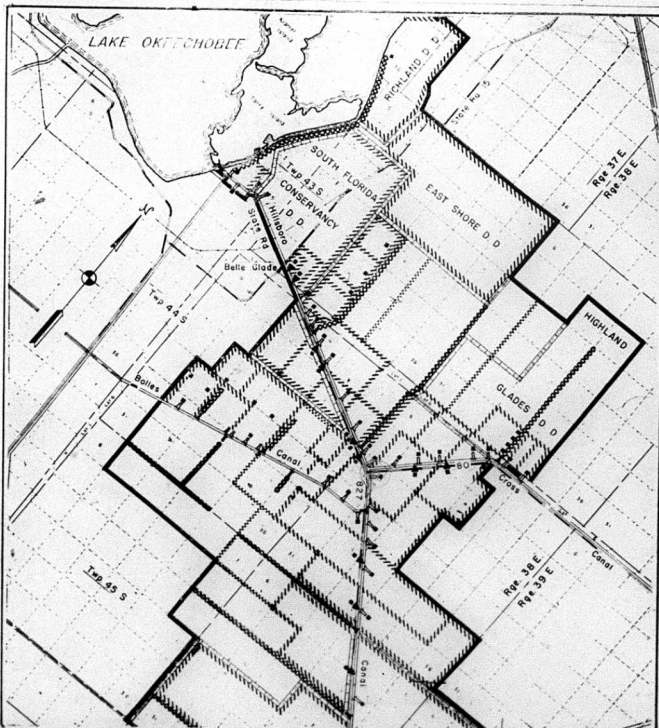
The line leaving east side of Lake Okeechobee just south of St. Lucie Canal meanders southeasterly and south, and ending up on Tamiami Trail is the 110-mile dike which protects the east coast against flood waters from the muck lands and also forms the east boundary of the three Conservation Areas. The dike extends below Tamiami Trail to a point west of Homestead and Florida City.

This dike is effectively completed.

This dike is effectively completed.

The hushed line is the perimeter dike of the Agricultural Area containing over 1,000 acres of tillable muck; the diagonally lined areas are conservation pools to hold water from the water control canal and for dumping flood water from the Agricultural Area. Flood waters will be transferred thru culverts from Area 1 to 2 and three successively into the National Park.

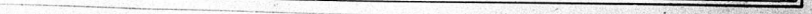
These artificial lakes, combined with ~~check~~checkers are storage basins, with pumps, canals, culverts, gates, etc., ~~watking~~water from one to the other, and channels of disatation to the water including the National Park.



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The Glades is already firmly established as the nation's leading winter vegetable and cane producing region. Its cattle industry has shown phenomenal growth. New and unusual products, such as ramie, kenaf and rice, are now beyond the experimental stage, adding further diversification. Present achievements far eclipse the dreams of its pioneers. The future is bright with promise.

Seventeen Counties Covered In Overall Flood Control Plan

Waste Of Rainfall And Under-ground Supplies Cause Flood And Drought

Nature's bounty of water in the tropical and subtropical climate of the seventeen counties covered by the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District has caused damaging flood and disastrous drought in the same area within a matter of weeks.

This paradox comes about because man in his hurry to develop new lands, build roads, railways, a few unplanned controls, as individuals, or smaller groups, have not as community, county or area-thinkers considered water seriously.

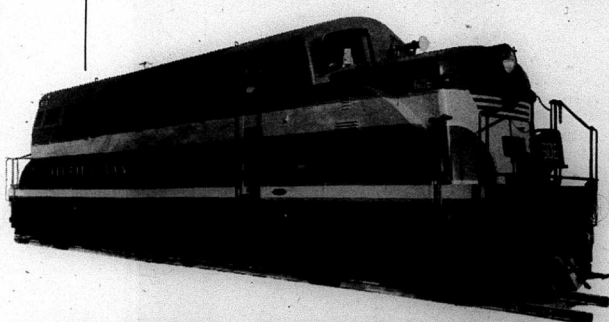
Improvements have interfered with nature's normal handling of flood waters, thus creating flood conditions where they were not known previously; growing population and lack of storage basins to catch and hold the water during the rainy season.

season, finds drouth conditions a few weeks after flood waters have been frantically dissipated. Formerly, like street cars in a large city, "there'll be more along shortly," doesn't take care of the water needs of the growing population.

valuable topsoil, destroy man's improvements, cause human supply to become deficient or contaminated and threaten life. Drouth conditions eliminate fish and wild life, accelerate oxidation of soil, deplete growth.

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H. E. C. Hawkins,
Chief Freight Traffic Officer,
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FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY

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SEVENTEEN COUNTIES

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ing crops, cause untold physical
damage and a threat to human

existence.

Natural resources of state
and national importance are
thus dissipated — the problem

outgrows the community, the
city and county and becomes a
problem covering natural water
basins, sources and channels of

collection and waste.

Many underground channels
furnish fresh water to a large
portion of Florida, either thru
springs like Waukulla and Sil-
ver Springs and those of lesser
volume, and artesian wells were
once common throughout south
and central Florida. Where
artesian wells are found now,
much deeper drillings must be
made and the force and volume
are greatly reduced. Water
tables and elevations of the
hundreds of lakes in the area
have fallen in recent years as
population increases have de-
manded more water.

The problem was spectacular-
ly emphasized during the '47
floods over the entire area covered
by the C & S F FCD when
millions in damage resulted to
agricultural, manufacturing and
other interests as well as to in-
dividual home owners.

Individual community prob-
lems were solidified into one
project thru surveys of the U. S.
Corps of Engineers with a
recommendation that 17 coun-
ties be included as one project
with an estimated overall cost
of \$208,000,000. Of this amount
the Federal contribution would
be approximately 61% with
state and local interests contrib-
uting the balance.

Engineers originally estimat-
ed that the ratio of benefits
in proportion to costs nationally
would be 1.2. These figures
have been recently revised by
them to read a 6.2 ratio.

Soil conservation, fish and
wildlife preservation and propa-
gation, drought prevention in
the Everglades National Park,
prevention of dangerous muck
fires, and prevention of flood
conditions in the urban areas
along the east coast of Florida,
as well as the source of water
for steadily increasing popula-
tions and the prevention of
damage to property and life,
make this undertaking strictly
a flood and conservation of na-
tional resources project.

It bears no resemblance to a
reclamation project whatever.

The increase in federal taxes
already from the area covered
demonstrates that the cost of
these works to the federal treas-
ury will be more than repaid
within a few short years.

Minute Maid Corporation,
makers of frozen citrus fruit
juices, recently reported a net
profit up 45 percent for the
period ending April 30 in com-
parison with the same period
last year.

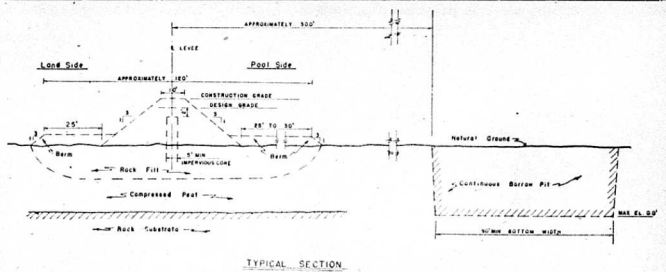


At the top is shown a section of the dike with gate as designed to prevent erosion.

The pumphouse shown contains three 60,000 gallon per minute pumps each driven by a 125 horsepower diesel three cylinder motor. This pump installation is for approximately 8300 acres and has a normal runoff of about one inch in twenty-four hours. This pumphouse and pumps, together with the dike, canal and ditches installed are at the expense of the landowner, and average costing \$50 to \$75 per acre, payable thru bonds over twenty to thirty years, and is paid thru the tax collector.

The small pump, with power unit at the bottom is furnished by the landowner where he must have water control in addition to that furnished by the drainage district. One of these units installed with house costs about \$5000 and will furnish a runoff of about 2 inches in 24 hours from half a section or 320 acres.

Drainage district water control is normally sufficient for cattle, but celery, fibers and other crops require from 1 1/2 inches to 4 inches runoff.



Creeping muck, under roadway has proven expensive in the slides, as evidenced by many conduits, especially along side of canals and ditches.

Engineer H. Y. Patterson built railroads thru the slides, rolling sand with the muck for stabilization and found that where the borrow pits were kept away from the roadway the creeping tendencies were greatly lessened.

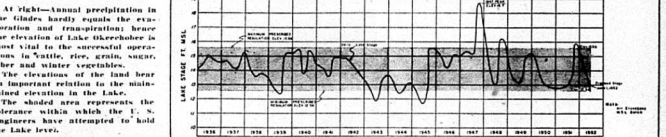
Engineers of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, and our U. S. Engineering Corps have combined these facts with engineering with an expected saving of approximately 20% over the original estimate of cost for L-2.

To begin with the borrow pits, 200 feet away from the center of the finished dike, will be pumped in on top of the muck for a distance of 25 to 50 feet on each side of the borrow pit. It is anticipated that the heavy muck will compress the muck downward, as shown, and prevent creeping.

The "compressing muck" has its advantages as a stop for water, as well as its indirect stabilizing effect on the water works.

We have the most unusual feat of governmental agencies by ingenuity and skill effecting plans at an unheard-of savings percentage—approximately 25%.

Previous plans called for "rock-on-rock" construction.

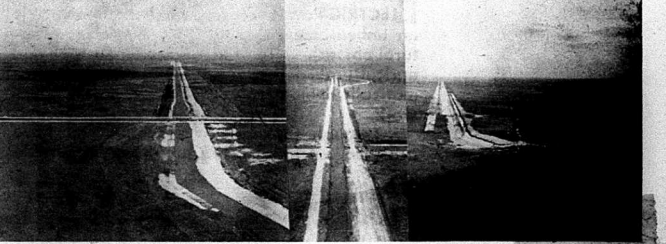


At right—Annual precipitation in the Glades hardly equals the evaporation and transpiration; hence the elevation of Lake Okechobee is most vital to the successful operation in cattle, rice, grain, sugar, citrus and winter vegetables.

The elevation of the land here is an important relation to the main-
tained elevation in the lake.

The shaded area represents the tolerance within which the U. S. Engineers have attempted to hold the lake levels.

L-35A, L-35 and L-36 to protect Davis and Rort Lanes were the first levees constructed.



Center picture shows the Palm Beach Canal with L-8 leaving to the north and L-36 leaving to the south. Twenty-Mile Road is at the far right end of picture.
Left shows L-36 at the head, south of the Palm Beach Canal.
Right shows a dike ditch running northwesterly from L-5 to channel waters from the high lands northward into the Conservation Area.

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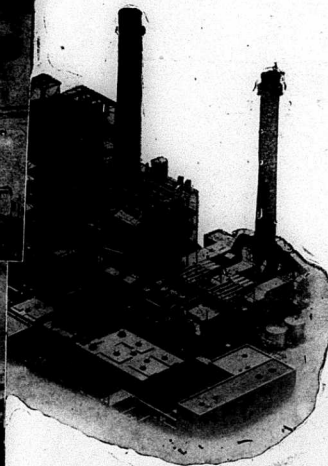
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The job ahead: The chart compares the Company's power supply on VJ-Day... and the huge expansion needed to fill estimated power needs by 1962. The "big job" would call for spending nearly a third of a billion dollars.



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The job **WILL** be done... **IS** being done. A new high line is under construction between West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale... additions are being made to the Riviera and Cutler plants... and a brand new plant is on the drawing boards. All this and more is helping to insure future Power for Progress for the Glades Area!



FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY



RIVAL TO FINANCIAL BULK OF FLORIDA CITRUS INDICATED IN RAMIE PRODUCTION



The abundant harvest of Florida grows ramie shades out weeds and grass from the growing crop, but because of major problems in the harvest, the heavy weight and bulk of the stalks and leaves create a major problem in the plant of leaf absorbed and manufactured, valuable fertilizer is removed from the land with the leaves.

Newport has solved this problem with a chemical that produces 85% plus defoliation, increasing effectiveness of harvesting machines, loading and hauling to the mill and allows the mill to handle 25 to 45% more stalks from the same acreage.

The chemical is applied by airplane 72 hours before cutting.

Jack Dempsey, the Director of Newport's Glades ramie plantation is shown holding a bundle of defoliated ramie stalks.

Economical Production Of Ramie Proven By Newport In Canal Point Planting

Twelve Years Of Work And Improvements Produce World Market For Glades

The eighth harvest at Newport ended in '52 with a record production of more than 3,000,000 pounds of baled ramie fiber which is thirty times the '46 production.

Nature's bounty of soils and climate augmented by man's ingenuity have produced the only economically sound mechanized quantity production of ramie fiber in the world, eight miles east of Canal Point, under the direction of J. Jack M. Dempsey, a chemical engineer.

Mr. Dempsey and his organization have by the "trial and error" method improved every stage of ramie fiber production, with a number of revolutionary procedures in mechanical farming that have removed ramie production from the methods of Genghis Khan's days to one of modern economical quantity and quality production.

Romancing scientific researches say that old King Tut was wrapped in Ramie cloth; we know that in the days when "Confucius was saying" the silk cloths of the Chinese junks were made of ramie, and we have reliable information that when papyrus was used to record the thoughts of the ancients, this "weed" was the source of cloth.

We know that modern textile mills in the Orient and on the Continent of Europe have been making ramie threads and cloths for more than 100 years. We know that our Dear Uncle is using Navision, a 100 percent ramie packing on capital ships and "pig boats"; we know that military webbing, halysards, threads, chute shrouds, and numerous other articles made of ramie have no competitors for their particular uses; we know that Japan, and western European countries are frantically trying to buy millions of pounds of U. S. produced ramie; we

know that the crinkly bank notes of France have contained Canal Point ramie for years; we know that our USDA were able to buy only half of a 75,000 bale program of Egyptian long staple cotton of 85¢ per pound against \$1.07 per pound for the imported long staple cotton.

With a historical background of world-wide use, and the fact that methods of thousands of years' practice have been revolutionized, an examination of this promising industry in the Glades seems pertinent.

Quick witted promoters, and heavily laden financial groups have become enamored with newly acquired knowledge of ancient history and the possibilities of this fabulous fiber. Abortions of otherwise sound financial thinking on agricultural procedures, and plausible stories of one or more of the horde of long-haired inventors have brought disillusion to many participants in fiber processing.

Every participant, it seems, in these major efforts that have proved a failure, become so enthusiastic over the possibilities of the undertaking that normal "straight-thru" thinking was abandoned. Nature jerked them up suddenly, after losses running into the hundreds of thousands—the detriment of ramie fiber production. A study of each of these efforts, in the light of present day knowledge, emphasizes the abandonment of horse sense in procedures.

There are three efforts known locally that have added substantially to the present-day knowledge.

Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo injected substantial official recognition for the fiber industry when Buzz Granger at the Prison Farm planted a substantial acreage in

the early forties.

Hillbros Plantation planned expanded operation, but the untimely death of its dynamic Director, Harrison Raoul, halted agricultural operations. Planting, cultivation and harvest problems were made easier by Hillbros operation; limited activity in processing on a trial basis furnished valuable data.

Kruse Brothers for several years grew more than 300 acres and added definite knowledge as to types, and joined in the stabilization of agricultural practices. However, this operation demonstrated the troubles of the "little fellow" in decortiating, drying and processing.

The only field decorticator known to the industry to produce in quantity acceptable ramie fiber thru continuous field operation is the Niland machine operated by Mr. O. H. Bond in the Kruse's fields. The thinking of many is that a practical field decorticator will bring ramie fiber production to the small farmer with a central drying and degumming plant, probably cooperatively owned.

Research and studies on plants have been conducted by the U. S. of Florida and USDA scientists covering all stages from propagation of varieties to mechanical processing.

The Everglades Experiment Station and USDA affiliates have always found in Newport Industries, enthusiastic cooperation in determining, under field conditions, the practicability of methods of planting, fertilizing, cultivation, harvest and processing of this fiber, which is frequently referred to as "the cloth of the Pharaohs."

"Big Money" in the form of Newport Industries, principally a chemical producer, with Jack Dempsey guided its ramie efforts since 1940, had the "where-withal," and the intestinal fortitude to undertake the adoption of modern machinery and known agricultural practices with ramie.

The story of ramie in America today must include the name of F. E. Bryant whose belief in ramie preceded Debel's or Bittling and the Mott organization. His garden plantings of ramie roots resulted in an unshakable enthusiasm which guided the association of U. S. Sugar and Newport to a mutually dollar-wise effort.

"Newport," says Jack Dempsey,

"removed stumps from hundreds of acres of land daily in North Florida and was anxious to find a crop that would grow on these marginal lands. Knowing that ramie is a 'weed' and prolific it was considered a likely crop to help build up a land and produce some salable product."

Trial plantings in South Alabama were successful when plenty of nitrogen was applied, but Florida's virtues, as proclaimed by Mr. Bryant sounded good.

"In 1941 Mr. Bryant planted six acres and in '43 we had planted some 25 acres. Pop Lord planted some just east of Belle Glade, the Prison Farm approximately 200 acres, and

dumps the bundles in regularly spaced piles ready for the mechanical loaders.

These mechanical operations eliminated most of the men from the harvest crew, lessened the time and costs, and eliminated labor troubles.

Defoliation of the heavy leafy growth 72 hours before the harvest machines begin work has resulted in saving the hauling of 18,000 tons to the plant and eliminated many stoppages of the harvesters and increased the capacity of the decorticator some 35 to 40 percent.

Defoliation is now done with a plane using chemicals at a small cost. This is a Newport development. Improvements in handling stalks to the decorticator, alter-

less than 20 percent of the total output running in grades "b" and "c" from the three crops harvested annually, this more-than-a-million dollar investment will gross a cool million annually.

Fifteen of these mills in the Glades, which it would take to fill the bona fide orders offered this year for export only, ramie fiber opens fantastic possibilities.

Two executives of textile organizations, not known to each other have stated that the potential for financial bulk in the production and processing of ramie fiber in the Glades, exceeds that of Florida's present citrus crop.

When asked about the future



An ordinary potato digger (upper right) has been found very efficient in digging ramie roots, leaving them comparatively free of mud and on top of the ground, from where they are hauled to a Pot Chopper.

A tractor draw planter (lower right) opens furrows, deposits fertilizer, while six men draw deep plows in rows, and the machine covers the furrows with a catenary harrow. The last operation is done by a catenary harrow, the last operation is done by a catenary harrow, the last operation is done by a catenary harrow.

Experiment Station had been trying it out."

A reference to reports of those days discloses that fiber tests, green tonnage, tensile strength, and other pertinent factors led to the recommendation that a major effort be undertaken in the Glades. The following are reasons given in a report for this recommendation:

(1) Unlimited acreage of untimely natural growth, and content allowing growing and control of large fields from a central plant.

(2) No cultivation after crop is established; 40 percent more fiber in stalks than other areas, easier to decorticate, and no particular difference in tensile strength.

With a field of 500 acres in 1944 and the installation of the Krupp Corona machine in 1946, some 100,000 pounds of dry fiber was harvested in '46. In '47 we harvested 300,000 pounds; in '48 we harvested about 750,000 and 49 about 800,000 pounds. In 1950 our crop turned out 1,500,000 pounds, with slightly under 2,000,000 in '51. In the '52 season which ended about Dec. 1st, we have baled more than 3,000,000 pounds of fiber, with 40 percent of our crops being first

attempts to allow longer stalks to be fed into machine and numerous other alterations and, in tons have added greatly to the sum total of the hourly capacity.

Drying artificially has been substituted for air drying, and recent improvements on the factory built driers, have increased capacity some 50 percent.

Automatic moisteners to insure uniform content have been found very advantageous at Newport.

Baling is done by standard makes of balers.

A great advantage in the U. S. Sugar-Newport arrangement allows the fiber operation to use some \$350,000 worth of field equipment during the off season of the sugar operation.

Fiber harvest runs from May to October, with cane harvest beginning in late October and running thru April.

Degumming of a substantial part of Newport's '52 crop has been done in the old starch mill at Cleverston for domestic markets.

With a summer time direct payroll of more than \$200,000 growing each season, and with

of the ramie market, Mr. Dempsey said: "This fiber is now being used to mix with wool, in auto upholstery, in numerous items for the military, and many more uses expected when domestic production enables our mills to depend on a stable source."

"We have been told by executives in the textile industry of the Far East and the European continent that Florida ramie is the most uniform and cleanest of any purchased anywhere throughout the world."

The American Kenaf Corporation, which has a 3,000 acre fiber plantation in Belle Glade is expected to expand its 380-acre ramie planting substantially in '53. Mr. Ralph Blank, vice president, states, "We have benefited by Newport's many innovations in field practices, harvesting and processing in both our kenaf and ramie fiber production, as almost identical machinery is used in both operations."

Only those plants and trees with a heavy waxy protective coating on the leaves are free from the burning action of salt spray along ocean beaches.

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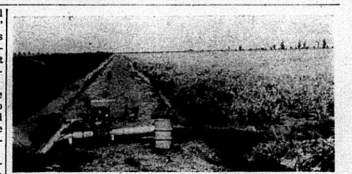
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When crops that demand more efficient water control than that afforded by electric ditches, farmers may find an answer in ramie like the above.

Production Of Jute Substitute Proven Practical In Continental U. S. Thru 100% Private Financing

"Quadruple Amputee" Financial Injuries Result While CC and Fiber Branch USDA Fiddle

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ern Hemisphere so that manufacturers might determine what conversion, if any, would be necessary to insure a satisfactory substitute in case of war.

The Commodity Credit Corporation, is the organization, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to comply with the request; CCC, under existing rules and regulations has the authority to sell kenaf seed which it has stockpiled to persons who contract to grow kenaf under the program; CCC has authority to grant loans to contracting growers; CCC has authority to issue other government lending agencies a certificate of eligibility, for loans.

Specifically, the Small War Plants Organization and the RFC were in the business.

Upon the insistence of Senators Holland and Smathers and Congressman Rogers, contracts were proffered to Florida growers for 5,000,000 pounds of fiber under the program. To enable growers to plant the crops in season the same Washington delegation, was compelled to make emphatic representations.

The American Kenaf Fiber Corporation entered into a contract permitting it to furnish 2,500,000 pounds under the program. This on a contract subject to board interpretations — by the Department — but with the assurance that the object was to have produced, preferably by mechanical decortication, on a volume basis, fibers

usable by our own manufacturers.

From that time on the Department has issued thru normal bureaucratic red tape, unprecedented, impractical regulations contrary to the word and spirit of the contract, and have not to date the program — but with which the producer can deliver fiber to the CCC under the contract. (Act of 1952).

The local organization had approximately 900,000 pounds of fiber baled and stored in Palm Beach County awaiting instructions as to how to deliver to CCC.

It is customary with producers of potential defense needs to be more than amply paid, financing afforded and 100% write-offs on plant and facilities allowed.

Not one of these normal procedures have been afforded the producers; a \$ a 111 write-off has been allowed; apparently every stumbling block has been used to disallow any of the others.

In 1951 the Department followed what seems to be a logical procedure; it kept a second grade at the plant to pull samples bearing the same number as the bale. This furnished a basis of grading and delivery to the government.

In 1952 the department proposed that the grower furnish a bond of indefinite time assuring that fiber in bale would be of the same quality as the sample pulled by the grower. No bonding company would consider a bond unless the grower was to one to one or more dealers. In lieu of this bond \$5 per pound is now to be retained in guarantee the same. A grader was sent for a few days and then ordered away.

In 1953 seed were sold to producers to be paid from crops produced; in 1952 no American contract grower was sold seed except for cash (1952).

Loans were refused contract. Continued on page 2—Sec. D

In the water to secure the surrounding plant of Newport eighth stage — Photos by Averill and Roworth.

Platform, decorticator and dryer building, with baling and storage warehouse in the rear. The office and equipment are in the foreground.

At upper left is shown stalks being fed into a decorticator and upper right, the decorticator; at lower left is shown three cones of fiber being baled and at lower right is shown baling operation at Newport.

From crop one made in shown in top center.

The Everglades Experiment Station, lower right, shows the day of Dr. Thorne, and has been joined in a U. S. Fibers Division, in developing, decortiating, and drying fibers. Considerable work has also been done on degumming machinery.

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900,000 POUNDS OF BALED KENAF WAS STORED IN COUNTY ENTWINED-IN BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE!



In the picture Mr. H. A. Allison (topper left) delivers to Senator Spessard Holland miniature bales of kenaf and ramie fiber. Governmental grader tagging, warehouse bales, (topper right). Enter center: A. L. Allison, is proudly displaying to Senator Spessard Holland product of the local firm, with State Representative John Hollinger, looking on interestedly. Bottom center: thread and cloth made of Glades produced kenaf.

PRODUCTION OF JUTE

Continued from page 1—Sec. D growers, even though more than normal security was offered. No permission was given RFC or Small War Plants, thru medium of certificate of eligibility, even though requested. Private banks afforded what financing was obtainable. These were hampered thru vascillating and conflicting rules promulgated.

A policy making official of the USDA stated in essence that if he received one bale of fiber satisfactory to the manufacturer he will feel that the program is a success. This despite his own knowledge of millions of private capital invested in efforts to produce millions of pounds under the contract. Unfortunately, the interpretation of the contract has been assumed to be his prerogative, and his alone.

The grading Committee is composed of one member from industry, one from contract-growers, one the chief grader of cotton (incidentally this man is recognized throughout the world as without a peer in cotton grading), one a Phd of the USDA, and the other the Old

Boy Himself. It has been assumed that the grading Committee would establish the grades. Not in this case; the Brass furnished the Committee with his grades and says "Here they be!" and they were; if at all.

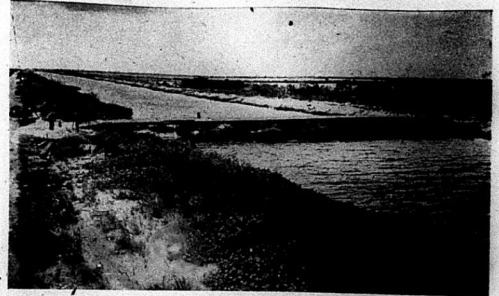
In view of these statements of fact, would you blame a grower if he thinks he is not receiving cooperation in keeping with the spirit of the contract?

It is felt that prohibitive conditions may well be changed thru vigorous representations by our Congressional Delegation.

The continuing of the present plant, and the addition of two more, with consequent assurance of an approximate three quarters of a million summer payroll in Belle Glade means much more than that. Vegetable fibers may well use 30 to 50,000 acres of muck in a normal economic program of Glades agriculture.

Florida Citrus Mutual says that as of May 23, the orange, grapefruit and tangerine growers of Florida are salting away some \$50 million over and above what it cost them to produce the crops.

Emergency Pontoon Bridge Built by Army For Relief Of Flood Suffers In Okeechobee Mucklands



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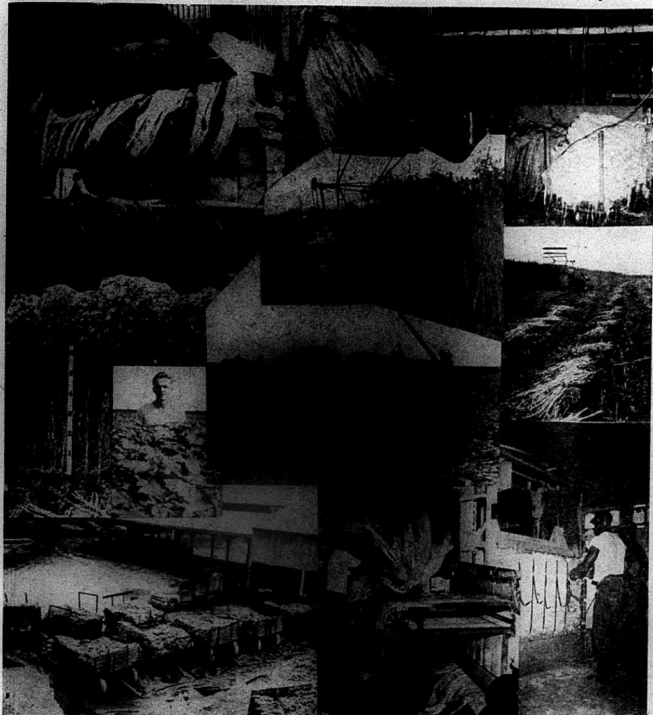
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Overzealous Foreign Entanglements, Confusion Of Thinking By Civil Service Bureaucrats Bring Korean-Like "Stalemate" To Kenaf Industry



HARVEST AND PROCESSING DURING SUMMER MONTHS BROUGHT \$200,000 IN PAY-ROLLS TO 175 PERSONS AT AMERICAN KENAF FIBER CORP'S PLANT.

Kenaf thrives on hot and wet weather, and easily attains height of 12 to 14 feet in the Glades. Lorenzo Connell (left center) is standing in kenaf 30 days after seeding. It is drilled in (upper center) and is harvested by reaper and binder (center panel) and loaded by hand and with loaders (center).

Decorticator (upper left) keeps a steady stream of fiber flowing, and two men are necessary to remove from ropes. Final cleaning is done by steam chemicals and mechanical washing (upper right). Chemically treated fiber awaiting final washing (lower left), placing on drier (lower center) and baling (right lower).

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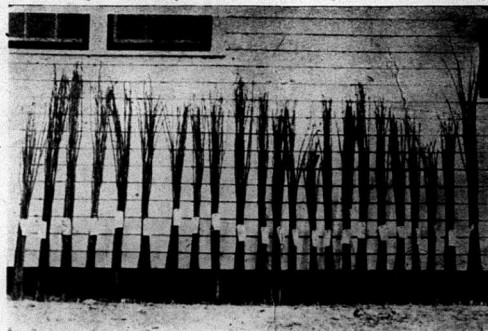
* Bureau of Census Report 1951, shows Port of Palm Beach handled 53.6% of export-import business handled by all Florida Ports.



Progress from the hand decortication, (left) of ramie has been demonstrated in the Glades by private capital.

The only volume production of ramie fiber known thru mechanical decortication is in the Glades.

The work of the Everglades Experiment Station at Belle Glade in plant selection, fertilization and culture practices, together with work done by USDA in cooperation with the Station on harvesting, decortication, degumming and drying has added greatly to progress of this important fiber crop.

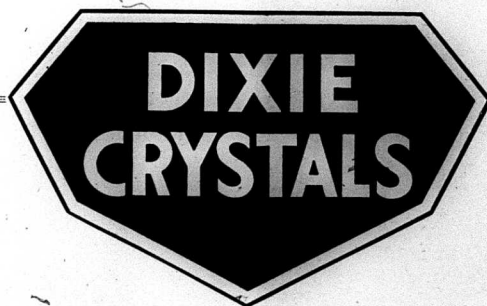


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24,200 Carlot Equivalent Of Fresh Vegetables At Estimated FOB Price Of \$23,250,000 Leave Glades Section For 52-53 Season

Mixed Cars, Corn and Celery Make Up 75% of Movement With Beans Taking Fourth

Cabbage and Leaf Crops Suffer
Severely From Competitive
Sources

With a 15% drop in celery movement, and a 65% drop in cabbage and other leaf crops, a 25% drop in beans, and a slight increase in corn and mixed cars, and a very substantial increase in blackeyed peas, the Glades of Palm Beach County dropped approximately 3% in total volume of packages and an approximate 15% in total dollars received in FOB sales.

An estimated 24,200 car lots or equivalents moved for an estimated \$23,250,000 as against a figure of \$25,000,000 for 25,000 car lot equivalents for the season 51-52.

These figures are offered after careful checking of official rail movements from the Glades, including Lake Harbor, which have not been published heretofore, the produce used by the local cannery and quick-freezes and the estimated shipments from 4,000 acres of blackeyed peas.

It is generally conceded by all informed shippers that trucks moved as many, if not more, carlot equivalents from the Glades as did the rail shipments, so the recorded rail shipments are doubled to get the total.

No account has been taken of the shipments within the State to Florida, Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa.

It is also conceded by truckers, railroad men and shippers

that the freight bill amounted to approximately \$1.00 per package, which gives the transportation folks about \$10,000,000. It is also conceded that harvesting, packaging, loading took an average of 75 to 80¢, which gives labor \$7,000,000 or more. What's left is for the seed man, the fertilizer manufacturer, the rent, fuel, and THE FARMER.

Below is the source of the estimate of the carlot movement for this year, and the figures include Lake Harbor, and are doubled to include truck movement:

Celery	7,014
Mixed Cars	5,719
Corn	4,542
Beans	1,614
Cabbage	1,852
Escarole	1,098
Radishes	306
Potatoes	682
Peppers	52
Chili	98
Tomatoes	26
Romaine	10
Lettuce	4
Cukes	2
Eggplant	4
Cauliflower	3
Total	22,821
Canning Plant	280
Est. 4,000 Blackeyes	1,160

Celery estimated at \$900 per car, Corn, mixed and Beans at \$1200, Cabbage and Escarole at \$480.

Driving Fence Posts Or Field Decorticating Ramie In Glades Let The Machinery Do It!



Driving fence posts properly spaced and to a uniform depth is done by a hydraulic attachment to a tractor.

The earliest and the only successfully demonstrated field decorticator of fiber used in a commercial venture. Mr. O. H. Bond, engineer and inventor (left) has developed this machine in the Glades with a majority of the work in harvesting ramie for Krone Brothers.



Pioneer Growers processing and packing house — the largest hydro vegetable cooler in the world, showing the office and sales room in the left foreground. The building is of concrete throughout, employing an engineering feature in wide-span concrete construction. A 30-car siding is provided for the cooler platform and additional 20-car tracks for loading.

The packinghouse area of Belle Glade is shown in the background with the canning plant in the right rear. The growing crops behind the plant is owned by the Co-op for future expansion.

Largest Farmer-Owned Vegetable Cooperative In U.S. Ships To All States And Provinces Of Canada

Until concrete evidence is produced to the contrary, the Glades has the largest winter vegetable grower - owned cooperative and has the highest capacity hydro precooler known; and this is not out of line with the largest in size and volume vegetable producing country in the U. S.

There are four Co-ops in the Glades selling cooperatively the produce of some 100 or more farmers, and bringing to them the benefits of farmer-owned and -operated field-to-retailer agriculture.

These Co-ops are outstanding organizations in the Glades, enjoying a national consideration in the field of vegetable distribution, including the 48 states and all Provinces of Canada.

The largest in the U. S. for vegetables is Pioneer of Belle Glade; there is the South Bay Growers at South Bay, the Lake Okeechobee Farmers Cooperative at Canal Point and the Everglades Growers Cooperative at Pahokee.

Pioneer Growers Cooperative brought its season's operations

half months.

During the past season Pioneer has shipped over 125 cars into Canada, corn to Los Angeles and San Francisco, beans to San Francisco, potatoes to Seattle and Portland, radishes in car lots to Minneapolis, celery for export to Europe and Africa.

One car was shipped out in 53 with 21 different items to make it's mixed-car business spectacular. With four salesmen, each with specialties and special customers, a battery of telephones, a teletype connection with all market centers, a two-way radio system to members in the fields, the Pioneer's sales organization accounted for 4,698 carlots of winter vegetables including 55 different commodities valued at more than \$4,500,000 during the '52-'53 season.

The retirement of 1939 certificates and the payment of 6 percent interest on all other certificates of investment, coming at the end of a "not-too-good" season filled many a void for Co-op members.

South Bay Growers is a Co-op of five members that handles the vegetables of 24 other smaller farmers in the South Bay area.

In the '52-'53 season eight different commodities were handled by the organization for a total of 2,807 carlot equivalents.

lents, with celery heading the list for 1,271 cars.

There are 6,500 acres represented in the Co-op including Okeelanta, South Bay, Lake Harbor and Bare Beach, as well as the Island of Bitta.

Co-op's have accomplished in the agricultural field what has been a problem heretofore—the combined action of a group of farmers for the good of all. Purchase of supplies co-operatively is the big advantage held out to most, and the savings are substantial; the stability of credit of the individual is more pronounced after years of association with a successful Co-op.

However, a most important effect of substantial co-ops is the well rounded offerings of commodities grown in the community — this season 25 different ones — the coverage of the markets by specialized salesmen. Lack of effective distribution has licked many a business, and the farmer is especially "susceptible to this."


A Co-op is not allowed to handle Tom, Dick and Harry's produce for a profit — the entire operation is for the benefit of members and a limited number of patrons.

No officer or director of a Co-op draws a salary. The growth of substantial Co-ops in the Glades in recent years and vigorous financial position attained by them is a challenge to its membership and an incentive to further advancement towards a modern scientific business of growing and distributing winter vegetables, production of beef, fibers, hay and grain in this area.


Outstanding organizations in the Glades enjoy national consideration in the field of vegetable distribution and are well known in 48 states and all Provinces of Canada to the 56 percent of all the nation's retail outlets, which are in communities with populations of less than 20,000.

The United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association has initiated a program which has as its motto "Fresh For Health." This program calls for a fee of 25¢ from each car sold to a fund which defrays expense of research into markets and marketing of fresh fruit and vegetables and is carrying on a program on TV and Radio advertising of fresh fruit and vegetables.



The Glades Co-ops are members of, and contributors to the "Fresh For Health" program.



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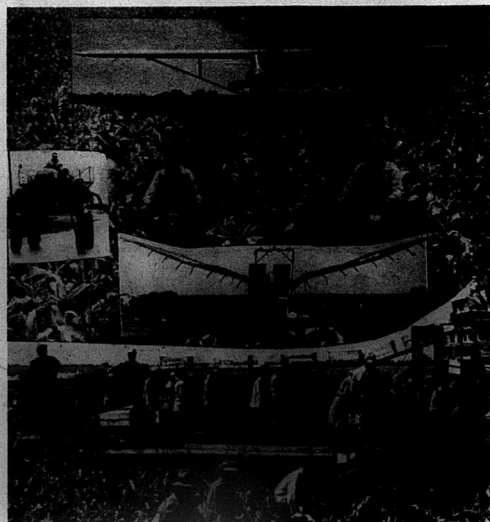
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ANIMALS FROM LOSS OF CASH IN ENTERPRISE

farmer felt that he was losing more of his money than he was receiving for his animals. He said that he had lost \$100 in the last year and that he was losing more of his money than he was receiving for his animals.

animal in the herd is a loss in money. Curran of the University of Agricultural Extension points out that a loss of one animal in a herd of 100 is a loss of 1 percent of the herd. If the loss is 10 percent, the herd is reduced to 90 animals. If the loss is 20 percent, the herd is reduced to 80 animals. If the loss is 30 percent, the herd is reduced to 70 animals. If the loss is 40 percent, the herd is reduced to 60 animals. If the loss is 50 percent, the herd is reduced to 50 animals. If the loss is 60 percent, the herd is reduced to 40 animals. If the loss is 70 percent, the herd is reduced to 30 animals. If the loss is 80 percent, the herd is reduced to 20 animals. If the loss is 90 percent, the herd is reduced to 10 animals. If the loss is 100 percent, the herd is reduced to 0 animals.

Sweet Corn Growing In Glades Utilizes Scientific Hybrid Crosses, Modern Methods And Machines To Become A Major Money Crop In Few Years



— Photo by Averill

Motor cycles, planes and shotguns are used in the Glades to prevent blackbirds from ruining corn. An otherwise US No. 1 or Fancy pack may be ruined by having a few ears with a grain or so picked out by blackbirds; hence the costly prevention. The blackbirds are best indication as to when sweet corn is nearing harvest, for they will come in for a few days before the corn is ready for the table market.

An insect spray or dust machine covers ground and a lot of acres in a day. The little airplane at the left straddles two rows and gets four on each side.

When corn first became important as a crop in the Glades, it was customary for corn pickers to throw the ears into a field cart or wagon; then they were taken to a central beach for grading and packing.

In this machine the pickers throw the ears on the belt in the right foreground which takes it to the grading belt and on to the belts from which the graders and packers put approximately five down to the crate. The truck at the rear carries off to the pre-cooler a load of corn and brings back a load of unshelled cobs, which are shown at the upper right of the harvesting machine.

Scientists have made great strides in producing hybrids of sweet corn that are successful in the Glades. This work has been done by the Experiment Station and by corn breeders of other areas in connection with local scientists and farmers.

With the tropical climate on the islands and land close to the Lake it is possible to begin shipment of corn in January and continue on thru the spring until northern areas come in.

Frank Phelan, Chief Government Inspector in Southeast Florida, points out that with early corn coming when folks naturally want green vegetables and the very high quality of Glades-grown corn a continuous market is assured.

Mangoes Prove To Be High Yielding Glades Crop For Many Homes

By H. L. SPEER, Asst. County Agent

Several years ago the Erickson brothers, Floyd and Bill of Canal Point while spraying poppers with the then "new product" Dithane-Zinc, sprayed the lower limbs of a mango tree as high up as the spray would reach and a few days later were pleasantly surprised to see a fine crop of little mangoes set. Being good farmers and close observers they soon noticed that the little mangoes were becoming scabby and falling off so they made a note to remind them to spray the mango trees early and repeat often the following year. Since then they have been growing a crop of mangoes regularly each year and have set out several trees each of Hayden, Zill, Brooks, Springfield, Simmonds, Carey,

Kent and Lippens, all of which are now bearing a full crop of fruit each year.

At Belle Glade where even a single mango on a tree was a rarity, spraying with Dithane-Zinc was tried by Fritz Stein, R. Y. Creech and George E. Tedder, who have been successful in setting and growing a nice crop of mangoes. This year Mr. Tedder bought a small portable high pressure sprayer and put on an application of Dithane just as the bloom spikes began to open out, then followed with the second application when the first flowers opened and repeated in a week or ten days until the fifth spraying, when it appeared that the fruit was large enough to withstand the fungus diseases.

His trees, Hayden, Williams



— Photo by Averill

Mangoes being grown in the yard of George E. Tedder, former Mayor of Belle Glade and former Justice of the Peace.

The Glades Is Major Production Center In Florida



— Photo by Averill

With an estimated movement of 7,614 carloads for the immediate past season, at a value of \$6,500,000, celery has become the most substantial individual crop in the Glades.

Both bleached and Pascal (green) celery are grown, with the green type growing in popularity each year. Preparing seed beds for celery is done during June and July usually, so that the celery crop year is approximately a twelve month operation, as celery was shipped this year until the first part of June.

Upper left is shown (top) a Glades invented machine which spreads and levels the tops of seed beds with one operator. This was formerly a hand job requiring time and hand labor. In the second picture (upper left) is shown a hydraulic attachment on a tractor which properly spaces and pushes down the "A" frames which receive the covers (shown at right in picture).

The celery harvesting machine (upper right) is self-propelled. It receives the cut stalks at the front and by carrier belt transfers it to the stripper and graders and on to the packers. The truck at the rear carries loaded crates to the pre-cooler and returns with unshelled crates (shown at top).

Planting twelve rows at a time with the machine moving forward slowly, guided by the projecting arm in front. The women place a plant into the fingers of the machine which inserts it in the ground and packs the dirt around it.

The men in upper right of planting picture is watering by hand; in the lowest picture overhead portable spraying rigs are giving the young plants water until a firm rooting takes place.

Special and Brooks all set an

overload of fruit and have almost broken the trees up. However, failure to spray later in the season to protect the quality of the fruit resulted in considerable damage from scab and anthracnose and poor color. However, he has had many times more mangoes than the family could use and feels that he could produce clean well colored mangoes by continuing to spray long enough and often enough. I have here some pictures of Mr. Tedder's trees and a couple of Mr. Stein's which I think speak for themselves.

Now we do not believe that the Everglades offers any threat to the East Coast as a producing area, but I am thoroughly convinced that any family can easily produce more mangoes than can be used. The value of spraying to control fungus disease does not lie in the fact that mangoes can be grown under almost impossible conditions but in the fact that a regular spray program should result in a full crop of fine quality fruit each year for the mango grower on the East Coast where growing conditions are good and you can generally produce a crop without spraying.

Since we have had so much discussion about Haydens being undependable, perhaps the fact is that they have less resistance to the diseases that attack young fruit but with a little help will make a heavy crop each year and we can quit looking for something better and just hope to have others just as good. I think the evidence at hand justifies a thorough trial by one or more East Coast growers.

Bill: How can you communicate with a fish? Will: Drop it a line.

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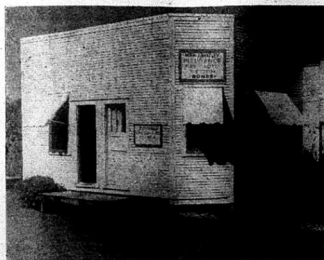
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In 1934, The Everglades Federal Savings & Loan Association received its charter and began operations in the corner of the building to the right with total

ASSETS of \$2509



Back room on opening day and for several years was in the south-east corner of this building.

In 1940, home ownership thru the use of our facilities had grown throughout the Glades; our deposits had grown to the point where we had

ASSETS of \$137,537

By 1945 our savings had continued so that $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ dividends were paid to depositors, and we had

ASSETS of \$551,136



Home and modern savings and loan facilities.

Returning veterans received the attention of this institution and scores of homes were financed, depositors had continued to leave their money with us so that in 1950, we had accumulated

ASSETS of \$2,814,395

For the year ending June 30th, 1953, the $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ dividends amounted to \$119,448.



At left — head of table is C. E. Riedel, President and original sponsor of organization. To his right is Herbert Beck, attorney and A. E. Kirchman, Vice President and director.

To the left of Mr. Riedel is Hugh J. Bralley, Executive Vice President and Secretary, and Walter Hooker, Vice President and Director.

At right — Banking room with Hugh J. Bralley, Executive Vice President in front of vault, at rear inside counter, Mrs. Mary McDonnell, Treasurer. Seated at the desk in background is Mrs. Helen Morris, Assistant Secretary. In forefront standing is Mrs. Ethel Blair, seated is Mrs. Margie Fortenberry and standing at left rear is Mr. Justin W. Rowell.



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Warmest Agricultural Lands In Continental United States



— Photo by Stenworth
In the left foreground is shown the village of Lake Harbor, nestled on the banks of the Miami Canal where it enters Lake Okechobee thru the dike.

In the background is Ritta Island, the warmest agricultural land on continental U. S. which is owned and farmed by Evans & Rogers and Matt Thomas. Mr. Thomas' home office and shops are shown in the left center along U. S. highway No. 27.

Five Old-Time Glades Farmers Demonstrate Productive Abilities Of Muck Lands Thru Diversification, Scientific Practices And Use Of Improved And Adapted Machinery

Arthur Wells, a Florida product, journeyed around on a Fordson or homemade tractor, before he entered World War I, trying to get his few beans to the dock before the weekly grocery boat came to take them to Ft. Lauderdale for sale.

Barfoot, Fritz Stein helped his father and brother build a skiff to carry their crops to market in the late teens.

"Each school kid carried a 'matchett' to school to clear the path of moccasins on Ritta,"



— Photo by Averill
At left is the home of Mrs. Ruth Wedgworth Timmons, with the home of two associates, with the shops, hogs and equipment sheds coming next. At the intersection of the north and south road and the road on the north side of the canal is the cannery which is maintained for the benefit of employees and farm hands.

This is among the first farms in the Glades to concentrate all these activities — operator's house, managerial help, field help, hogs, equipment sheds, etc.

The long building at the right is a 20 room dormitory for field help.

said Mutt Thomas, as he recalled life on the island in the early twenties.

In 1934, as the wife of a scientist at the Everglades Station, Mrs. Ruth Wedgworth urged her husband to resign a sure salary to risk their limited savings and to combine their technical knowledge with the soil and climate of the mucklands for a future.

In 1936 John L. Evans fresh arrived from the Hoover era in South Georgia and agricultural



— Photo by Averill
The packinghouse area of South Bay with the South Bay Growers Cooperative plant to the north of the road. This Co-op has five member grocers and handles the produce of a score or more of smaller grocers. More than a million and a half packages were handled thru this Co-op for the immediate past season.

In the upper part of this picture is shown the village of South Bay. U. S. No. 27 passes this group of buildings and disappears off the picture towards Miami. The road to right leads to U. S. No. 441 which leads to West Palm Beach from Belle Glade just there and a half mile to the east, along the line of town.

Most of the fields beyond South Bay are cane fields of the U. S. Sugar Corporation.

are stumped at no suggestion which most persons might facetiously call "Rube Goldberg."

Most educated engineers of the manufacturers smile knowingly with a "Well, possibly so, but it will take months to 'engineer' this." They're profoundly surprised weeks afterward to know that the suggestion has been put into the field and is satisfactorily producing.

The bottom plow and later its slatting is native to the Glades; wide and long tracks on tractors and draglines were demonstrated by Glades operators thru home-made work.

Rubberizing tractors for speed, economy and efficiency stumped the best imported engineers but are working daily in the fields, as was rubberizing wagons and carts.

Bean grading belts were built in Belle Glade first for N. N. Starling by Joe Freedlund and have spread over all bean-growing areas, with adaptations for other vegetables.

Field harvesting of corn, celery and leaf crops by mobile machinery is strictly a Glades

product, and is practiced by these farmers.

Flood and water control in flat organic soils is naturally a Glades accomplishment, and is just beginning to dawn on the U. S. Engineering Corps, for no other such large area in the world has been the subject of their professional consideration.

The mole drain, a substitute for tile draining in other areas, is a local invention and perfection.

A keen and ready eye for new methods, new crops and diversification has proven substantially worthwhile to these Glades farmers.

In the forty's the Wedgworth Farm harkened to the blandishment of a promoter and planted ramie, to find that unsound fish-farming did not seriously affect the winter grasses at

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fiber from the stalk at that time.

Sugarcane is now a forte in the plan of diversification of Thomas, and Evans and Rogers; rice was harvested in '52 by Stein and in '53 Evans and Rogers are entering this field of endeavor too, with others making ready.

Cattle in a substantial way is a bulwark of diversification in the plans of all these oldtime organizations; breeding and the production of home-grown steers as well as additions to the breeding herd from home pastures marks the operation of each of these farmers; therefore the extreme drop in "on-the-hoof" prices did not seriously affect their cattle operations.

Growing of feed to supplement the winter grasses at

John L. Evans, to the right, is from that part of Georgia where the practice of living on the farm is taken for granted. John L.'s boy is coming along and naturally wants a Shetland pony; so, John L. begins raising Shetland ponies, as shown above.

Household dogs are as much a part of any quarters as are the houses themselves; so Mr. Evans boys produce their own.

Mr. Evans has ducks, geese, chickens and a large cage full of parrots.



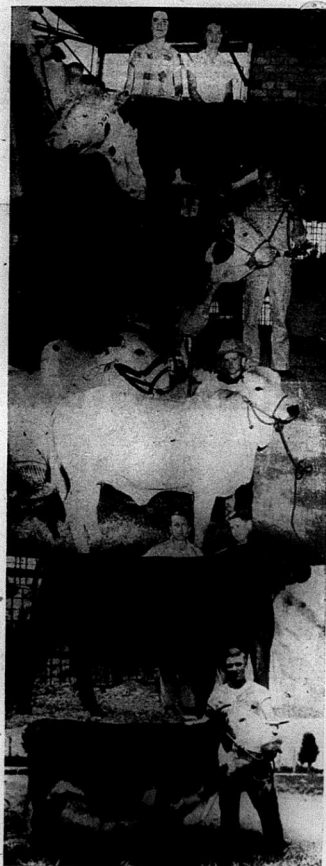
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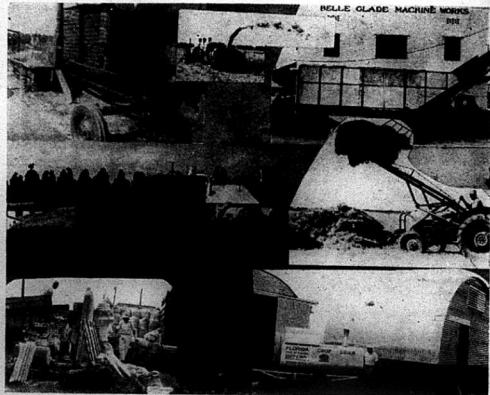


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"Making Hay" Is More Than An Allegorical Phrase In Glades



— Photo by Averill

Upper center is Fox Chopper blowing chopped Pangola grass into field wagon (left) which is locally designed; on the upper right is an on-the-job also built of souped-up wire-rope paper and being filled by a tractor-mounted chopper. In some instances blackstrap is sprayed on ensilage.

In the center is shown hay under attachment handling, freshly cut grass before going to the round drier shown on left, where floor ground and dried grass is mixed with molasses to form a dairy feed.

Lower left, Evans & Rogers are readying ground snap corn and bagging it directly from the field (during July). Lower right is shown Fritz Stein inspecting a portable drier used in the quonset-type huts for drying and lower center, after the slip-shodded corn is stored inside the building. When corn is needed for feed, the chopper is placed near the door, where belts bring the corn to it for shredding.

Haying, making ensilage and producing snap corn for finishing and winter supplemental feeding is common practice in the Glades.

High protein grasses and foliage make Glades produced cattle feed most desirable to the east coast dairies in South Florida. From field to feeding trough in 24 to 48 hours is often the case.

FIVE FARMERS

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home is a practice that includes field corn and baling of hay, and in the case of those who have sugarcane, the production of blackstrap.

In order to protect the young and tender green beans double rows of wind-breaks each six to eight rows is a custom. These wind-breaks produce a harvest of ear corn; many cattlemen now follow celery with summer field corn as a crop and store it for finishing their steers.

Making hay from the warm-weather growth of the pangola grass both in the baled form as well as finely chopped and dried, is customary; some add

blackstrap to the finely ground feed and use it for sacked dairy and beef feed. The U. S. Sugar and some other cattlemen make ensilage with molasses added to the ground material in silos made of wood sides with canvas tops, some with waterproof and wired paper acting as the sides of the silo placed on a rock floor; others stack the hay—providing home-grown feed either as ground snap corn, ensilage of a high-protein grasses, molasses feed, baled or stacked hay is a practice among these farmers.

Stein and Wells' marketing is done thru the Pioneer Growers Cooperative at Belle Glade, Evans and Rogers' and Thomas'

is done thru the South Bay Growers, a co-operative of considerable size.

The Wedgworth marketing is done in a group, and on a co-operative basis, also.

The more than a half-million-dollar annual fertilizer bill of these five farmers would be a prize for any distributor, but it includes very little nitrogen. However, ammonia, zinc, boron, sulphur, manganese, copper, potash and phosphate make up the soil treatments used in the various crops and with cattle.

Andrew Jackson was Territorial Governor of Florida during the years 1821-1822.



When Uncle Samuel admitted that he needed a new Postoffice Building, the Belle Glade Legion was awarded the two-year lease on the building shown at the left, which is built according to Uncle's specifications. The current owner, Mr. Farnall, and the land surrounding it is mostly Legion owned. From home and the land surrounding it is mostly Legion owned. From home and the land surrounding it is mostly Legion owned. From home and the land surrounding it is mostly Legion owned.

Local Legion Group Provides Postoffice Building For Uncle

Sixth Largest Office In County Reflects Sensitivity Growth Of Community

"Your postoffice reflects very sensitively the growth or changing conditions of the community," said Postmaster Farnall. With the news the local postoffice has reached an eligible income of \$44,135 for the year just passed, and by reference to the "Bible" commonly referred to as "Postal Regulations," we find that the local office is eligible for designation as First Class effective on July 1st, 1933. The receipts must reach \$40,000 with an indication that this figure will be sustained before a first class designation is authorized.

The Belle Glade office has passed the requirements with a 10% overage.

"I took office," said Mr. Farnall, on March 8th, 1930, and we were designated third class on July 1st, of the same year, having reached a total of \$1,500 in receipts.

"In '31 we moved to the just completed building on Avenue A and remained there eighteen years with one addition, until we moved to the present building built by the local American Legion Post."

"In 1938 we reached the required amount of receipts and were designated Second Class."

"In 1939 by Act of Congress postmasters were given the protection of Civil Service after appropriate examinations, and so we are today."

In supporting his statement

that the postoffice reflects conditions in the community, Mr. Farnall sighted the record for '46 in postal receipts, of \$29,316, with '47 dropping to \$27,609 and '48 to \$27,994. From then

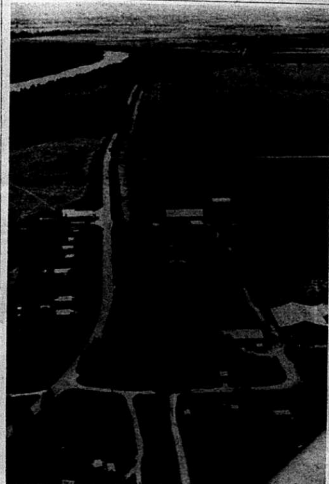


Photo by Averill
Dean City, Arthur Wells' headquarters originally, and one of the very first headquarters of Glades farmers with owner's home, commissary, shops, supervisory help and field help congregated. On the left is shown everything except the quarters, which are to the left of the buildings and away to themselves, yet within a short distance. A combined church and schoolhouse is an integral part of the quarters.

On the right is even in the forefront, home of John L. Evans, with hours of several of his foremen, garage and machine shops and implement sheds.

The government dike and cross-state waterway is shown in the background on the left of the picture.

on each year there has been an increase. The floods of '47 are very clearly reflected in the receipts for '47 and '48.

Normally the December quarter of each year shows the largest receipts but the first quarter of '33 has exceeded the last quarter of '32, the March quarter of '33 shows more than \$252,000 in money orders, while the entire year of '32 showed \$748,088. Approximately 40% of these money order purchases are for COD packages, indicating the amount of money spent for mail order business.

"During the year '32" Mr.

Farnall stated, "our total expenditures were \$47,315 for salaries, rent, heat, light, etc., with our ten employees paying \$5,270 in federal taxes. Of the total above more than \$1,800 went into the employees' retirement fund."

Structural clay facing tile is not ordinary wall tile. Facing wall tile is usually four inches thick and carries its own weight along with ceilings, roofs and other loads placed on it.

A forger is a guy who gives a check a bad name.



Photo by Averill
Transportation of winter vegetables in the Glades from the field to the packinghouses and shipping points is a major operation.

Matt Thomas and Evans and Rogers farm the 800 acres of Bitter Island and give a tale about first of wintering pumpkins, turnips, and alfalfa to feed equipment, supplies and men to and from the island, and to bring the harvested packages to the mainland for processing and shipment.

The two lower pictures show a portion of the Lake Okechobee Fleet of these two farm organizations. Some of the floating equipment is in dock being repaired, some of the barges are sunk for the summer.

In the top picture are shown a portion of the truck fleet of 20 units, together with field jeeps and the home station wagon jeep (in right foreground) which is equipped with two-way radio. On the left and in front of the machine shop is shown two foreman pickups equipped with two-way radio.

The "Georgia Hooey" in the foreground is always found to be useful around such a place.

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Plantation, traction and clearance of growing row crops are requisites of Glades spraying and dusting machinery. Delivery of the dust or spray where it's needed — underside of leaves — under pressure and with "etching" qualities is another.

Glades farmers, mechanics, blacksmiths, machinists, scientists and general handy men, prodded by necessity, have designed and built by the trial and error method millions of dollars worth of machinery that is used every day most effectively on the muck lands.

Machines are built which emphasize one or all of these items as shown in the accompanying pictures.

At the top the Universal Experiment Station has come up with the "Iron Mule," a mechanized wheel which may be attached to many field machines. The engine is mounted on the wheel, and a hitch is provided for attaching to and receiving various kinds of equipment.

Next is a Hunter highway which delivers the dust under pressure.

The third from bottom shows a self-propelled rig that has been converted to liquid petroleum instead of gas or kerosene.

Next to last is a highway adaptable to dust or spray.

At the bottom is a highway on tracks which may be used to deliver a spray into the soil as fungicide, insecticide or other soil treatment.

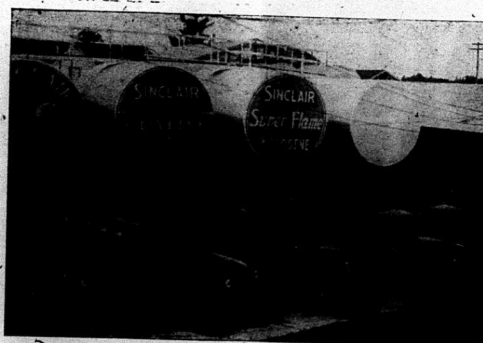
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The rank growth of grass shown at the top is whipped to shreds by a high speed rotary tool equipped with heavy chains.

With four "Cut Fuses" going full speed a lot of ground is broken in a day. Buck drive is attempting to keep up with the fellow in front or out of the way of the one behind.

\$12,000 worth of equipment for leveling a plowed field is shown next. The carryall is automatically filled and automatically dumps itself. This is in the field of Matt Thomas on Ritta Island.

The dragline here is shown acting as a hoist or a jack for the disabled truck on Ritta Island. The bucket shown is one specially designed for removing hydrate from ditches and canals. The foreman in the jeep is using his red-way radio to call the driver for a part that is needed before the truck can go back to work. This is also in the field of Mr. Thomas on Ritta Island, with a large area of field corn in the background.

Evans and Rogers built the ditching machine shown here for field ditches. The sugar harvest a 24 to 32 inch ditch five feet deep bringing the material up so that the wings will spread it out on each side. Formerly these field ditches were dug by hand.

Lamar Johnson of the Central and South Florida Flood Control District is responsible for the gillnetter shown in the canal — it's a water tractor, used for spraying hydrate in canals and other similar work.

Some areas in the US install tile mole-drains at several hundred dollars per acre. The mole machine—entirely a Glades invention—does the same work in the muck for approximately \$2 per acre.

The bullet at the lower right is pulled thru the ground with the knife to which it is attached cutting thru the soil. The roller shown in front of the knife is cause sharp and even vegetable matter so that the knife will not halt it up. The hydraulic arrangement lowers and surface down to the bullet to allow air to enter immediately, thus preventing the collapse of the round hole left by the bullet. In the upper portion is shown a tractor harnessed up to a ditch with the mole machine and its bullet let down into the canal just prior to commencing the dig. The four-row planter shown at the bottom is a prize of the Rogers and Evans farm. The discs at the front open the furrow, with the furrows being deposited thru a spout and being covered by a tool following that. Then comes the seed dropping from the large bin, and these are covered by the roller shown at the rear.

THE CITY OF Belle Glade



Lower center is shown water plant which receives water from Lake Okeechobee, processes it and pumps it to 1,600 customers.
The FEC railway is shown running northward thru the packing house area from which as many as 100 cars are shipped daily.
At upper right is shown Pioneer Growers Cooperative, the largest vegetable Co-op known.

SERVES An Agricultural Empire



Combined City Hall and Fire Department Building. At upper left on top of fire department, can be seen edge of the all concrete Observation Tower built and equipped by City for Ground Observer Corps.

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Sitting in a four-acre City Park, beautifully landscaped is the Woman's Club building, in which the library is located. Boy and Girl Scouts Huts, tennis courts, picnic facilities and playgrounds for youngsters are included.

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Communication



To the right is part of nine-hole Municipal Golf Course alongside the government levee on shores of Lake Okeechobee. The cross-state waterway, from Ft. Myers to Stuart, parallels the dike and the bridge across it leads to roadway to Tory and Kramer Islands.
White roadway (left) leading southward to PORT OF BELLE GLADE where docks are now under construction thru cooperation of the City and Port of Palm Beach District.

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Finished On Home-grown Corn; Year Round Grazing On Heavy Tonnage High Protein Grasses Spells Success With



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While the Brahman strain is highly extensible, they respond to good treatment as displayed by the registered bull of Sugarland Ranch (upper left). McConnell's Ranch features Angus, as shown in the second cut from top on the left.

The Experiment Station has had the use of some outstanding Brahman-type bulls, and have produced some outstanding bulls in their own herd—third from top on left.

The Texas Gervin, the only American breed of cattle, is typified by the bull owned by the Gibson Farms at Beaumont, Texas (top left).

At the upper right the Sugarland Ranch Charolais bull is the French contribution to the European strain sought after as a cross with the Brahman. The young bull next to the first cross of the Charolais and the Brahman cow.

A Brahman milk strain (second from bottom on right) is being tested in the Glades by the Everglades Experiment Station as a contributor to the efficient mothering of beef calves as well as for securing the advantageous qualities of the Brahman into South Florida's dairy herds—Glades.

The purebred white-faced gentleman (inner right) is the type used by George Wedgworth to produce calves of a mixed strain with the Brahman blood desired for the semi-tropical climate of South Florida.

Center top shows Brahman crosses grown out and finished by Fritz Stein on corn grown in his farming operations in the Glades. They topped the market locally and regaled the Chicago market on that day.

An ordinary Florida range cow will produce a very desirable beef type animal when crossed with the Brahman—small cut, upper center.

Bottom center shows pictures of Glades pasturing. At the top a few of the ordinary cows and the young Brahman bull used by Glades ranches to produce the calves shown.

Next below (left) is shown the most widely used moving operation, which is found necessary to prevent spotted areas where the cattle have fouled the grass, from becoming too old and tough. Such moving provides young and tender grazing through a system of rotation.

Between the two individual animals is shown an amazing machine originated by the Wedgworth organization. The tools are pulled under the surface with a lifting movement that allows the roots of the grass to be treated.

The center animal is a Brahman-Texas cross by the Everglades Experiment Station and the right animal is a full-blooded Brahman of the Station.

Lower left is shown a humped trap which, as is seen, is very effective. On the right is shown a feed trough, tank and trough for feed, molasses and water troughs in the right background.



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In the lower picture is shown a herd of home-grown cattle on the Wedgworth Ranch. The cows are home-grown and the calves are of the second, third and fourth generation of Glades grown animals.

Some Glades cattle show most of the cow, while the white face strain represents the male parent of most of the calves. Purebred registered bulls pay off, as shown here.

In this picture only purebred parents are represented.

From left, Brangus, Brangus and Brahman calves, out of registered Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn.

Heading from left to right, is a view of a Brahman heifer; over the back of this Brahman is seen a white-faced Brahman calf; in the center foreground is a Brahman bull calf; in the right foreground is a Brahman cow. Taken on Sugarland Ranch, owned by U. S. Sugar Corporation.

Gross Cattle Sales in 1952 Near The \$6,000,000-Mark For The Muck Land Area With A Rising Quality

100% Glades Grown Two-Year Olds Weigh 1188 Lbs. and Grade "Good"

One of the Glades' newer industries—cattle—provides an outstanding example of growth in a development of major importance during the year 1952. The Glades Livestock Market in 1952 sold 25,320 animals plus 155 miscellaneous—horses, mules, goats, sheep, etc.—for a total of \$2,986,431, as against 12,833 units in 1951 for a total of \$1,947,549.

By common agreement among buyers and cattlemen, it is estimated that as many cattle in numbers and in dollars received are sold at private sale—as sold thru the market. With this as a basis, the Glades-cattle industry must have moved over the \$6,000,000 mark for the year.

There has been a noticeable

increase in stocker buyers, generally accounted for by the increased number engaging in the business; and the record of sales demonstrates the buyers of beef animals.

In 1950 the Glades Livestock Market took a fairly reliable census of cattle in the area served by it in the mucklands and came up with a figure of 35,000 as the cattle population.

If the increase, percentage-wise, in the number of animals handled at the market is taken as an indication, which many cattlemen agree is a fair rule-of-thumb method, there is a cattle population of about 64,000 in the same area now.

It is pointed out that Miami alone slaughters about 1,200 to 1,400 animals per week; and while that area is already a heavy buyer here, there is still a lot of room for Glades cattlemen to sell to Miami. In addition to the Miami buyers, Swift

and Armour have representatives at the local sales, as do the Tampa slaughterers. Many independent and smaller packers patronize the local market regularly.

In these Republican days of dropping prices of the farmers' products, and marked particularly in the meat industry as "after the honeymoon," its refreshing and revealing to have such a demonstration of home-grown products as the steers which Superintendent Cliff Greene shipped for the use of other State Institutions recently.

This shipment of beef marks an historical event in the operation of the Glades State Prison Farm, for it is the beginning of that part of a plan for the local institution to make its surplus production available to other State institutions.

Mr. Greene, a "cracker" farmer boy, and naturally optimistic for the possibilities of agriculture in the muck, indicates pride in this accomplishment.

first, because the program of the Prison Committee of the Governor's Cabinet is taking on a more rounded and substantial accomplishments when beef is added to the food items furnished, and second, because this is actual proof of the theory that an entirely home-grown product—a 1200-pound beef animal at two years of age grading "good" raised on bermuda, pangloss and St. Augustine grasses and fattened in a "green" lot on Glades grown corn and blackstrap.

The corn and the blackstrap are both products of the Prison Farm, locally.

In the operation of the sugar mill at the Farm some 40,000 gallons of blackstrap are produced and field corn is a regular crop.

A part of Mr. Greene's plan for beef production includes a

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Three Notables Bred At The Everglades Experiment Station

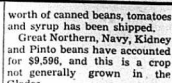


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Purebred animals bred and raised at the Everglades Experiment Station.

Everglades Spensard (upper right), Everglades Hills, (upper left), Everglades Dwight (lower right) and David.

Spensard says "You know how youngsters are — don't pay him any mind." "Uh huh" says Everglades Hills, and David just bats his eyes. Everglades Dwight is scratching where it itches.



More than \$7,000 was shipped in sugar, with \$115 worth of molasses.

In fresh vegetables, cabbage accounted for \$3,242, onions \$322, tomatoes \$56, with \$566

All commodities sold by the Glades Prison to other State Institutions are taken at a 10 percent discount under market price.

With the acquisition of 2500 acres at old Riddle Field, just west of Clewiston, Mr. Hubie Tillery was placed in charge and has been busy building fences, planting grasses and readying a part of the land for certain crops that produce better on sand lands. The breeding herd of cattle will be there, as will the breeding stock of hogs. Chickens are already an established product there.

When 2000 head of breed cows are on hand, it is the plan to bring the steers to the muck

And although better than 80 percent calf crop is now the usual under Mr. Greene, he expects to maintain a 75 percent calf crop with the increased herd. Assuming half of these are male, he will soon be in production of 750 head of 1200 pound grade "good" steers for the use of State Institutions annually. With a 61 percent dress-out or 732 pounds per animal of edible meat, there will be produced better than half million pounds for a value of more than twice that of last year's total shipments from the farm.

In order to have the beef and pork production now planned, and so that slaughtering and precooling may be properly done, a cold storage and slaughterhouse must be installed. The budget commission have okayed these items and the coming legislature will have that item for consideration.

A dairy herd of approximately 50 cows is maintained at the farm.

A flock of turkeys will be installed within the next several weeks to furnish meat on appropriate occasions not only to the local prisoners but for other state institutions.

The cane plantings and the sugar mill produced 210,000 pounds of sugar and 45,000 gallons of syrup for table use, with a by product of 40,000 gallons of blackstrap for cattle feed.

Rice has been grown at the farm for sixteen to 18 years, in sufficient quantity for use of the local prison farm.

Grapefruit and Valencia oranges are produced on the citrus grove in sufficient quantity to permit shipments to the State Hospital at Chettisgarh.

With the modern canning plant now working, enough string beans may be canned for all state institutions. Tomatoes, also may be produced both on the muck land and on the sand at Clowiston in huge quantities.

Although the modern housing, hospital, and service accommodations were built for 500 inmates, only from 225 to 265 are kept at the farm at present for the plan now under way. More prisoners are expected to be assigned as the overall plan becomes more mature.

The Firm has pioneered the use of the Glades crop; it has been growing rice for years; dried beans as a staple production of the Glades has clearly been demonstrated; and now recent shipments of beef at two years, averaging 1198 pounds and grading "good" 100 percent green grass, corn and blackstrap produced at the Farm; all this adds to the economy of the community thru demonstration, and together with dairy products, poultry, hogs, citrus, vegetables, sugar and ~~corn~~ affords the taxpayers of the State the satisfaction of having one part of its government bringing an income

The Superintendent and his staff have the approval of the legislative and administrative branches of our State government, and all enjoy the gratitude of us common-folks who pay the

In this same issue we're baring the idiosyncracies and state-mates of a federal bureau, and it is a pleasure to be able to laud the accomplishments of one of our own State bureaus.

Nathan Mayo, as Commissioner of Agriculture, has under his direction the Prison system of Florida with the Governor's Cabinet as a Board. A Committee of the Cabinet usually administers the affairs of the several institutions and makes recommendations as to general policy.

Way back, W. V. Knott was an enthusiastic member of this committee as well as Colin English. Bob Gray and Treasurer Larson have helped Mr. Mayo in recent years, and these gen-

men are responsible for the overall policies of the Glades State Prison Farm and the plan being instituted by Superintendent Greene to furnish foodstuffs to other State Institutions.

The practicability of this plan is beginning to make itself most evident, and the shipment of beef recently marks an historical date in this effort.

GROSS CATTLE SALES

Continued from Page 1—Sec. G heard of 2,000 head of breed cows, of which some 400 are on hand at present. "While we have maintained an average of much more than 75 percent calf crop so far, we estimate that with the larger herd that figure is a fair expectancy for a normal calf crop with the type of animals we will use — ordinary good Florida cows crossed with Angus, Brahman and White Face purebred bulls."

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The last seven months of operation our sales numbered 24,586

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With some sixty-odd two-way mobile radios installed in pickups, cars and trucks, and central stations in key positions, Glades farmers keep in constant touch with all field and marketing operations constantly.

Harrison Raoul of Hillsboro Plantation used two-way radios in his field foreman's jeep several years ago, and Glades farmers being the greatest users of mechanical and modern contraptions of their own devising, immediately grasped the idea.

Our cow doctor, Clarence Kiddier, has a radio in his service truck, so that even sick calves may have instant service. On one occasion this past year Walter Schlechter on his six mile farm noticed a column of smoke on what appeared to be the back end of his farm. As he was busy supervising a harvest crew it was highly impractical for him to leave. So, Walter just buzzes Pioneer Growers central station with two request that Red Imes be sent by plane over the area to determine just where the fire was. Red was called, made the trip and the central station called Walter back within a very few minutes with Red's report that the fire had not reached Walter's east dike.

Another typical occasion when prices are touch and go, with the margin so short that it is not wise to harvest more packages than are sold. One farmer was harvesting a car on order and when the packages began to arrive at the packing-house the salesman noted the very good quality. By calling a couple of customers in the north by phone he quickly confirmed the sale of an additional car, and so notified the crew before it left the field.

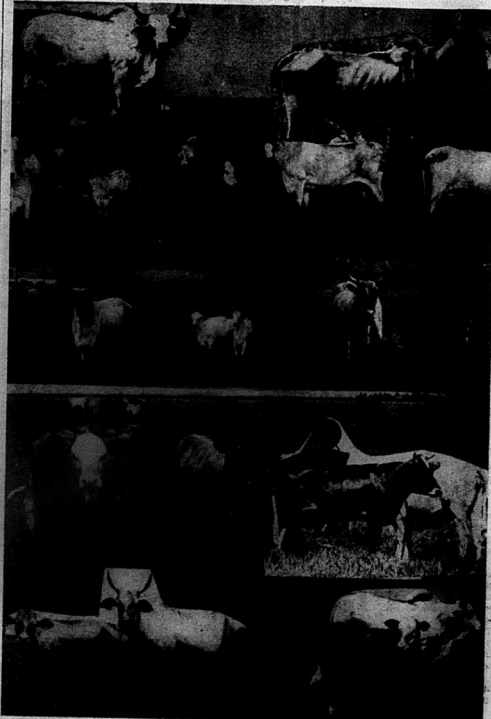
One farmer stuck in the far side of his field in a pickup called in to have someone tow him in, but found that a neighboring farmer who had a truck nearby sent it on immediately by using his two-way talkie.

Emergency repairs, empty fuel tanks, accidents, and pack-

agically harvesting, are the source of time saving and consequently money saving in the farming operation.

Constant contact between harvesting and the distributor as represented by a wide awake selling organization using the phone and the mobile talkie, gives the farmer the best break of the market and efficient selling.

Evans-Rogers Ranch Find Growing Their Own Profitable



— Photo by Averill
The cows shown here are from native cows and the pure bred bulls shown at the top of the picture. A majority of the calves are the second calves of the Glades-grown mothers.
The white face bull shown in the upper strip has also been used. One of his calves is shown immediately in front of him.
Evans & Rogers at Bean City have built this herd from a small group of native cows and have enjoyed top prices for their homegrown store fattened on corn grown in their own fields.

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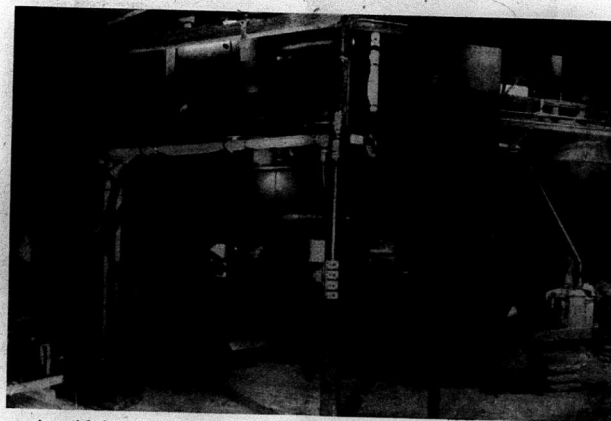
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Front view of The Kilgore Seed Co.
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A partial view of the Kilgore Seed Co. Insecticide plant, where insecticides and fungicides are manufactured for Everglades growers.



Front view of The Kilgore Seed Co.
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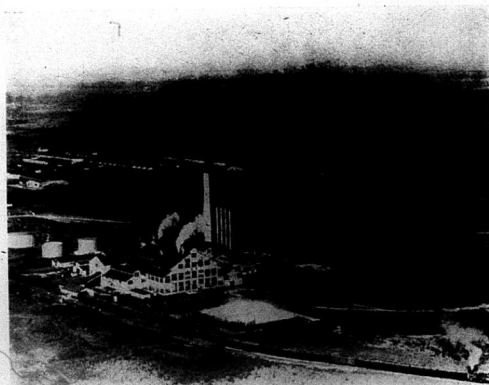
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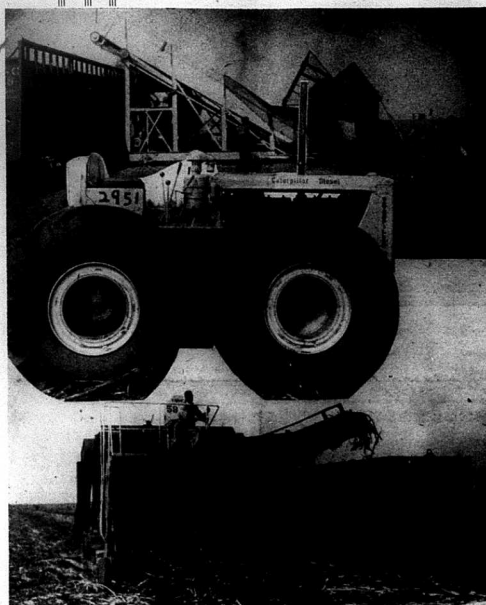


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That's the story of that part of the Everglades adjacent to the Southern Shores of Lake Okeechobee—Cane Sugar, Cattle, Winter Vegetables and other agricultural and industrial enterprises contribute to the national economy.

Corporation engineers and field men have kept abreast of the needs of the times and have originated and perfected field equipment that increase the man hour production.

In land preparation, planting, fertilization, cultivation and harvesting, methods and machinery are continuously studied for improvements.



Rubberizing the field equipment, such as the tractor shown in the center of the picture here, as well as that of the field wagons has resulted in reducing the time from field to rail siding.

The continuous loader, shown at the bottom, eliminates hand work, as does the unloading equipment from the field wagons to the rail cars.



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The Religious Life Of The Glades Is Reflected In The Churches Of This Community



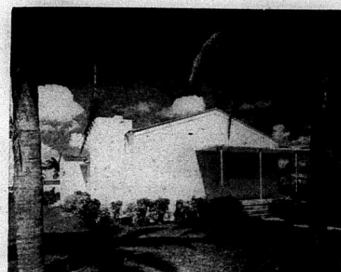
Church of God, G. D. Prince, pastor, 3rd St. and Ave. E. Southeast. Organized in 1909



First Church of Christ Scientist, Southeast Ave. E. Organized—1905



First Baptist Church, T. W. Malcolm, pastor, N. W. Ave. E. Organized in 1932.



Church of Christ, John Curtis Manor, minister, 2nd St. and Ave. E. Northwest. Organized 1915.



South Bay Baptist Church, Rev. John Cooper



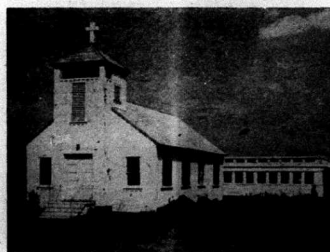
Community Methodist Church, Rev. E. L. Holladay, Ave. E and First St. Southwest. Organized in 1920.



First Baptist Church of Choea, Fred Robbins, Elder. Established in 1919.



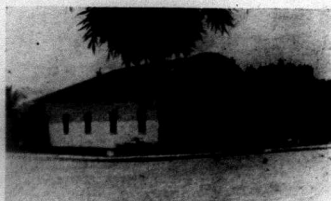
Everglades Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Ford, N. Main St. Organized in 1947.



Lake Harbor Community Methodist, Rev. Nicolai Di Stefano, D.D.



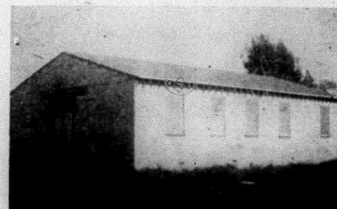
Lake Harbor Baptist Church, Rev. B. R. Harlan.



Seventh Day Adventist Church, F. D. Beckmiller, Ave. B and 2nd St. Southwest. Organized in 1955.



St. Philip's Catholic, Rev. Frater W. J. Holmes, A. Main St. Organized in 1946.



Nazarene Church, Rev. P. E. Nelson, N. West Ave. D. Organized in 1951.

Five To Seven Crops Per Year Is Normal Yield On Glades Radish Operations By These Ohio Farmers Who Purchase Seed And Rubber Bands By The Ton

Radish Seed and Rubber Bands Bought By The Ton In Highly Technical Operation

The tiny package of radish seed that Mother used to plant in her garden bears about the same relation to present-day radish operations in the Glades as a rowboat does to the Queen Mary. On Feb. 4 this year, a total of 107 carloads of radishes had been shipped out of the Belle Glade area by rail, and at least the same amount had moved

ed out by refrigerated truck. All these radishes came from four growers. Jacob Graber & Sons, who have about 320 acres always planted to radishes; William Gressinger & Sons, who keep 200 acres planted; Chapman & Son, with 120-140 acres; and A. Duda & Sons, celery growers, who have had 50 acres of radishes.

Chapman Pioneer
The three biggest radish growers in the south end of Lake Okechobee all came here originally from Ohio. Pioneer

radish growers on a large scale in the Glades were the Chapman Brothers, Kermil and Floyd, who planted 40 acres in Belle Glade in 1934, and gradually increased their plantings during the war until they had about 200 acres in radishes and leaf vegetables.

In 1947 one of the Chapman brothers, Floyd, gave up farming in the Glades and returned to Mansfield, Ohio, where he is now in business. Kermil, the other brother, remained, however, and the firm of Chapman Brothers then became Chapman & Son, when his son Marlan became farm manager. Besides radishes, the Chappmans produce escarole, endive, chihili, lettuce, green onions, and parsley.

Glades Biggest
Recognized biggest shippers of radishes from here, however, are the Grabers, who have shipped as many as 7,000 crates of radishes in a single day, 2,000 more than next-biggest radish farmers William Gressinger & Sons.

The Grabers, who use five two-way radios as vital communications links in their smooth-running operation, which buys radish seed by the ton, as well as tons of rubber bands to bunch the radishes, started out in the Glades in the fall of 1940 with 80 acres leased from the Wedgworth home farm. Now the Graber farms here run altogether to 520 acres; 400 of which

they own, and 120 of which they have on lease. Of these acres, 220 are always in radishes, with six or seven plantings a season, using about 1,500 pounds of fertilizer per acre.

But many a lesson of experience lay between 1940 and the extensive radish farm of today, with the Graber family running farms in both Florida and Ohio.

Bill Graber, one of the two Graber sons, manages the Belle Glade operation together with partner William Jennings (Jen) Norris, while his father, Jacob Graber and other son manages the 220-acre farm in Ohio.

"Where You Lose Money . . ."
"I don't know how we got here, but I know how we stay," says Bill Graber. "We lost money the first year, and the old man said, 'Where you lose money, you have to get it.'"

At one stage, Bill threatened, "If I ever get back to Ohio, I'll never leave it again." But apparently he had muck in his shoes, for although he returned there, it was not to stay.

Today, biggest radish farmer in this area, and still branching out, Graber employs 130 field hands and another 25 people in the packing house. Graber pays rolls run about \$5,200 a week. The company owns five field trucks, the packing house, and three refrigerated trucks, in addition to other equipment.

The Grabers start planting radishes about the last week in October. The tiny buttons average about 24 days to maturity, some as little as 18. Shipments begin in November and continue until about mid-May. In summer a cover crop is grown, last year, Big Joe corn.

Radios Vital

Most of the radishes are sold F.O.B., Graber says. Fluctuations in the market are brought to Graber ears by long distance phone from commission houses; and two-way radios, enabling the office to be always in touch with the farms, allow them to increase orders without delay. Their fast-moving operation has radishes picked in the fields

by hand, banded in bunches, loaded in field crates, and brought to the packing house where they are washed in water pumped from a well under the packing house. Four belts bring in the radishes, which get three baths—two tubs, and one shower in between. Meanwhile, crates assembled overhead come down in a speedy, well-coordinated action that packs about 900 crates an hour.

The packing house itself, on NW 9th Street, has belonged to Grabers since 1945, when they bought it from Louis Weiman. Previously a wooden structure, it was rebuilt in 1949-51, is now concrete block, 35 by 150 feet.

Last year, in addition to radishes, the Grabers shipped 600 carloads of leafy vegetables. Member of Pioneer Growers Co-op, Grabers send the biggest percentage of their leafy produce through the Co-op. All leafy vegetables—endive, escarole, chihili—are packed in the field, Graber says.

Speaking again of their first

years here, Graber, now 35, said that he and his wife Dorothy and their only child lived at West's Apartments for some time. Now with three children, the Bill Grabers make their home at 300 SW 2nd Street Place.

Graber's partner here, "Jen" Norris, who was associated with the Graber firm in Ohio, first came to Belle Glade in 1946 and finally settled here in 1950. He is 44, married, and has four children.

In addition to the partners who keep things running smoothly here for Grabers are Donald Aspey, head bookkeeper; Ralph McDonald, assistant bookkeeper; Lester Rudy, radish field foreman; and Carl Snyder, field foreman.

Gressinger Next Biggest

William Gressinger & Sons, runners-up to Graber in radish business, are also from Hartsville, Ohio. They keep about 200 of their 500 acres planted to radishes, and while Gressinger Junior and Senior manage

the farm, another son, Bob, manages the packinghouse.

The Gressingers, who have been three years in the Glades, employ between 100-120 people; and like the Grabers, ship half their radishes by rail, half by truck. Highest number of crates ever shipped in a day was 5,000, Bob Gressinger said.

Also like the Grabers, the Gressingers have three refrigerated trucks. "Or rather, we had them," he said with careful emphasis, pointing out that two of the trucks have been demolished in road accidents within the last ten days.

In addition to radishes the Gressingers have 300 acres of leafy vegetables, including Boston lettuce, romaine, iceberg lettuce, leaf lettuce, carrots, endive, chihili, parsley, and escarole.

Pieces of clay tiles have been found in the palace of Egyptian Pharaoh Amenhotep IV that were decorated with lotus, fishes, birds and a water pattern.



Partners in the Belle Glade branch of Jacob Graber & Sons, biggest radish farmers on the south side of the lake, Bill Graber, right, confers with Jen Norris, left. Other radish growers in the Belle Glade area are William Gressinger & Sons, Chapman & Son, A. Duda & Sons. In the Pahokee area, radishes are shipped by Joe Hutton and by Nash Bros.

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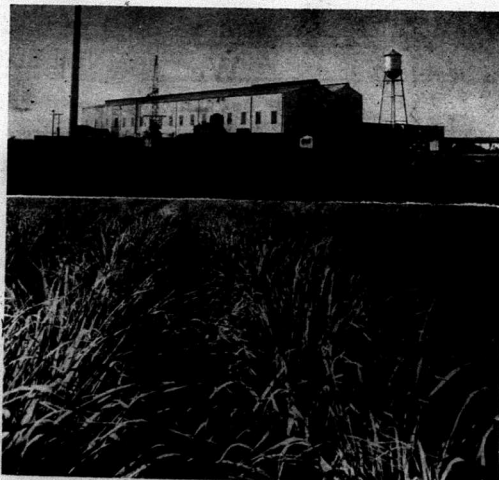
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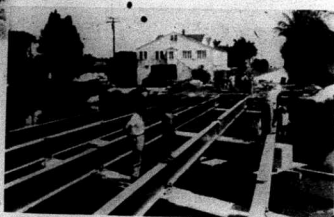
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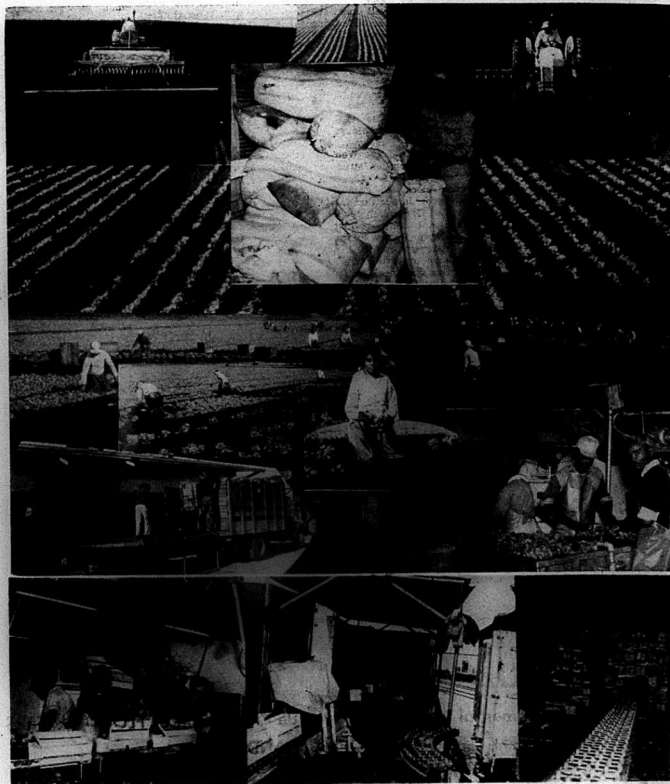
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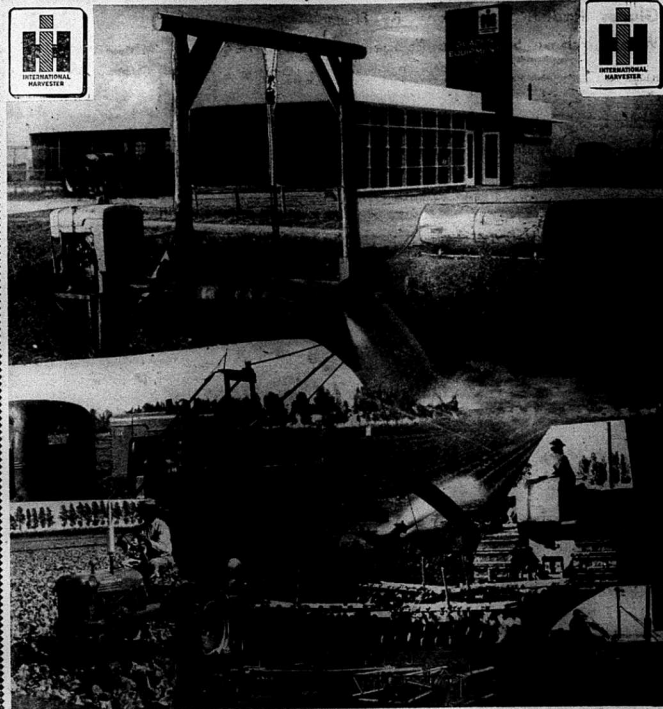
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Big Radish Farmers In Glades Plant As They Harvest



In these composite photographs, cultivation, leveling, and seeding are shown above. Above center, employee of Jacob Graber & Sons examines radish seed, which the company buys by the ton. Central views show harvesting by field hands, who pull radishes and hand them in bunches. Lower views illustrate unloading of field trucks at packing house (left), radish washing in tubs, packing in shipping crates at the rate of 30 bunches of radishes per minute (lower left), and conveyor belts taking the radishes to refrigerated trucks or rail cars for shipment. The high-speed assembly line can pack 300 crates of radishes an hour.

— Photo by Averill



The Cub shown above is cultivating cabbage; the "Nine" in lower panel is pulling a Saratoga Leveler, while the one above is pulling a heavy disc. In the two middle panels International Power Units are pumping water off (at top) and watering celery (bottom).

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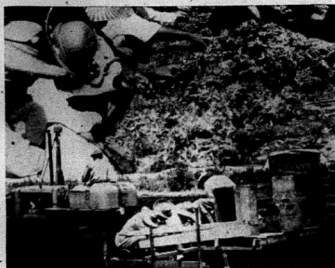
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PLANTING

To have an overnite lawn, solid strips of sod to cover the entire area must be used. A light coverage of sand to fill air pockets, should be watered down to insure getting sand into all pockets. Fertilizer suitable to the soil should also be washed in to keep from burning blades and roots, and water should be given the grass at least once a week, and in the early morning. This watering feeds the plant, helps control fungi and chinch bugs.

The soil should be tested within 15 days to determine the exact minerals required for that particular soil.

SPOT PLANTING should be done with two-inch squares in twelve inch rows and ten inches in the row to secure a fast coverage.

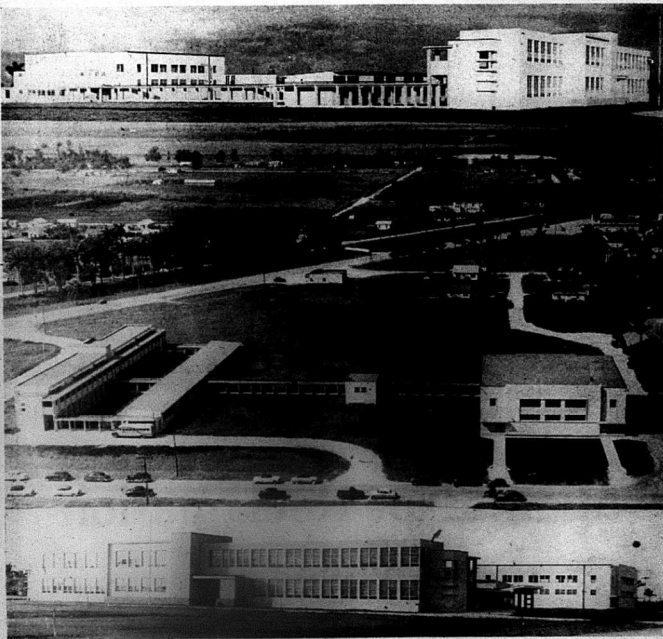


Lawn Planted by Luther Jones.
Home of C. J. Ayres, Chosen



Lawn Planted by Luther Jones.
Sod Laid Aug. 19th—Photo taken Aug. 19th—Home of A. E. Kirkman

Belle Glade's White Schools Show Remarkable Ten-Year Growth



— Photo by Averill

For the term 42-43 Belle Glade got its first High School.

There was a total enrollment of 782 pupils including the school of Osceola Migratory Labor Camp. Pupils enrolled late and left early, with the average maximum of 673 pupils during the 4th and 5th months.

In the grades 7th thru 12th there were 200 pupils.

FOR THE 52-54 SEASON, and with Osceola school omitted, there was a total enrollment of 1039, with a regular enrollment of 919; in the grades 7th thru 12th there was a regular enrollment of 439, with a high of 474.

THUS the 52-53 total average enrollment was 1358, against a total average enrollment of 873, for 42-43.

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Upper right — This machine clears weeds and heavy grass by the tools being whirled rapidly as the tractor moves forward.

Right center — A pick-up forage harvester cleans hay from ground, chops it and loads it into field wagon.

Bottom right — A whirling type mower has had hydraulic lift, with height control, adapted.

The rice harvester is shown in the field of Fritz Stein — self-propelled with tracks for the mucklands; a CASE product.

Upper left — Urban Felsing, of our Company, has made his son, Marlin, a "CASE" tractor that runs on its own power. Numerous requests have been made for this tractor for other young "Glades Farmers".

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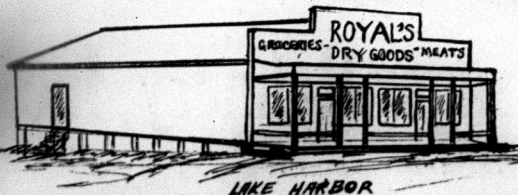
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